

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
March 15, 2017

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on March 15, 2017. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Ryan South and Brian Lukasiewicz, Parks Supt., Public Works Dept. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen, and Jeff Kupfer. Absent was Denny Dinan, Adult & Youth Sports.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 8, 2017. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice are attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated, in advance notice, to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public. Further, all the subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for inspection within ten working days after said meeting, prior to the convened meeting of said body.

CALL TO ORDER

Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stopak made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the Minutes and Program Information from the February 15, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Member Svensen. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

➤ Assistant Director Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.

- Preschool Playtime met 8 times in February and had 184 preschoolers and 141 adults with an average of over 23 preschoolers and 18 adults per session. Ms. Jen from the La Vista Library hosted her monthly Preschool Story-time and Sing-Along on the first Thursday of the month, and had 27 preschoolers and 20 parents attending. Both programs continue to grow, and we love seeing a couple of Dads bringing the little ones up to play.

Senior Center

- Throughout each month, seniors are able to attend a lunch catered by Valley Food Services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They can play Bingo on Monday and Friday, Chair Volleyball on Wednesday and Friday, participate in Tai Chi on Tuesday and Thursday, join our quilting/sewing/knitting-crocheting group each Wednesday, and play Pinochle on the first and third Wednesday of each month. In addition, on Monday morning we have a Coloring Book Club, and on the second Wednesday of each month, we have the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness Senior CARE Clinic at the Center, providing foot care and other miscellaneous health care to seniors for a minimal fee.
- A new program started in February “Book Time for Adults”. Ms. Marjie Shaw, from the La Vista Library comes in every Friday morning to read short stories and poems to the seniors. It

is quickly becoming a very popular program with 10-15 seniors joining us every week.

- On Wednesday, February 15th, we hosted our annual Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon. Over 160 seniors enjoyed a catered meal by Hy-Vee, while enjoying music from the Papillion-La Vista High School Jazz Band and Merry Makers performer Joyce Torchia.
- On Friday, February 17th, twelve seniors enjoyed a trip to the Shrine Circus in Council Bluffs.
- On Wednesday, February 22nd, six Methodist nursing students came to the Senior Center to provide blood pressure and glucose test for the seniors. The students came back today (March 15th) and talked to the seniors about joint care and also gave the printouts about joint care.
- On Tuesday, February 28th, twelve seniors joined us on our monthly movie outing to see the movie "Jackie".
- This coming Friday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and we will be having our annual Senior St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Catered by Hy-Vee will be corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and rye bread. Dessert will be cake made by our senior Helen Sinnett. We have 73 seniors registered for the luncheon. George & the Jrs. will entertain after lunch, and we will also have door prizes.

➤ Program Coordinator Ryan South discussed youth and adult sports and special events.

- Adult Women's Volleyball is in week 7 of a 14-week season. We have 9 teams playing in the winter league.
- Youth Basketball League is in week 6 of an 8-week season. Tournament play will start the first week of March and run for 2 weeks.
- Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1 & 2 finished on Saturday, February 11. The clinic ran for an hour each Saturday and lasted 5 weeks. We had 35 participants in the clinic this year which is up from the 23 participants we had last year. We had 8 volunteers from the Police Department conduct the coaching clinic. The kids really enjoyed having them as coaches this year.
- Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit & Run Competition is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at 11 a.m. at the La Vista Sports Complex. This is our 2nd PH&R event, and once again we are hosting it in conjunction with Sarpy County Tourism.
- Registrations are now being accepted for the following programs:

Youth:

- Boy's Baseball registration deadline was Mar 11th. The season will begin in April. Pinto baseball for 7/8 year olds is closed.
- Co-ed flag football registration deadline is Mar 18th, and the season starts in April.
- Youth soccer clinic (Academy and League) registration deadline is Mar 18th, with the season beginning in April.
- Girls Softball registration deadline is Mar 25th, and the season also begins in May.
- Co-ed T-ball registration deadline is May 13th, season starts in June.

Adult:

- Softball (Coed and Men's) registration deadline is March 25th or until filled. The softball season begins in April.

➤ Brian Lukasiewicz, Parks Superintendent, updated the Board Members on activities the Parks Dept. have been working on, and on the Thompson Creek project.

- Have been busy mulching in the parks, trails and working on cleaning up the right-a-ways throughout the city, and will be getting out to Cabela's to clean up and mulch.

- Getting the sports complex and City Park ready for spring sports. The high school girls will be having a softball clinic at City Park on March 29th.
- Will be getting the Sports Complex ready for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th. Other than getting the park ready beforehand, the P.W. guys assist that day in parking and crowd control.
- Lukasiewicz explained to the Members and city staff the grants that were applied for and are receiving for the Thompson Creek Planting Plan project. This year's grants will be used for the land along the creek from Edgewood to 72nd Street. Lukasiewicz received grants of almost \$17,000 for trees and shrubs, which included a \$7,000 donation from Thompson, Dreessen and Dorner Inc. (engineering consultants) in honor of their company's 50th anniversary. Lukasiewicz had posters of the project to show the Members and city staff of the approximate placement of trees and shrubs.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director Stopak informed the Board that Mayor Kindig asked him to attend the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Assn. (MAATA) convention on Friday at the Embassy Suites, and to read his proclamation that March will be the National Athletic Trainers month in La Vista.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All ayes. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.