

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 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 November 15, 2017. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Denny Dinan, Parks Dept. Tony White, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Jeff Kupfer and Jonathan Jameson. Absent was Member Gene Svensen.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on October 11, 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.

Director Stopak introduced the newest member of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Jonathan Jameson. Member Jameson said he is an Omaha native, moving to La Vista in 2009. He purchased a house bordering the La Vista Falls Golf Course in 2010 where he resides with his wife and 2 dogs.

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Johnson. All Aye. Motion carried.

#### 2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak asked that each speaker introduce and explain a little bit to Member Jameson about themselves and their job duties.

David Karlson, Assistant Director, discussed programs, special events and Senior Center activities.

- On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we had preschoolers, their parents and a few grandparents join us on our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween Egg Hunt.
- Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> was the City's annual Halloween Safe Night. Over 1,100 kids and family members attended Safe Night. It was a great night for hayrack rides, hot dogs and trick-or-treating with our many vendors.
- On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, an employee of Azria Health Montclair Senior Nursing and Rehab Center gave a presentation about their facilities and what they had to offer.
- Merrymaker's Kim Eames performed on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

- The movie outing was on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Seniors went to see the movie “Logan Lucky”.
- On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, a representative from Clear Caption Phones gave a presentation to our seniors on how they can qualify for a free clear caption phone, which allows you to read real-time written call captions of what callers are saying.
- On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 15 seniors joined us for our annual Halloween lunch and party.
- Karlson also discussed having lunches 5x per week, and the challenge it has been getting people to come on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s. Trying different activities on those days to entice them to attend lunches.

Denny Dinan, Recreation Dept. discussed youth and adult sports, and special events.

October attendance for Pre-School Play Time was as follows:

Adults = 109; daily Oct average = 13.6

Children = 139; daily average = 17.4

Total = 248; daily average = 31

Total Play Time days = 8

October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Egg Hunt/Parade = 26 Adults; 30 Children; Total = 56

There was no Play Time on Oct 31st due to Halloween Safe Night set-up.

- **Current Programs**

1. **Youth Coed Volleyball** We have currently played 3 games of an 8 game season. We have two 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teams and two 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade teams. We are partnered with BJSA again this year.
2. **Adult Women’s Fall Volleyball** is currently on game 8 of a 12 game season.

- **Winter Programs**

1. Adult Women’s Winter Volleyball registration started on November 1st and will run through December 16<sup>th</sup> or until the league is full with 8 teams. If we have enough interest, we will look at expanding the league to 12–16 teams.
2. Youth Basketball League early bird registration ended on November 11<sup>th</sup> with the final registration deadline being November 25<sup>th</sup>. Practices will begin during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December with games beginning in January. We are partnered with PRO again this season.
3. Youth Coed Basketball Clinic registration runs through December 30<sup>th</sup>. This clinic is for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and will be held on Saturday mornings starting on January 13<sup>th</sup> and will run for 5 consecutive Saturdays. Clinics will be conducted by volunteers from the LVPD again this year.
4. RoundBall Reindeer Shootout: The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Free Throw Shooting Contest will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup> for boys and girls in Kdg. through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This free event is for children & their parent/guardian or grandparent to compete together as a team. Each team member will shoot 15 free throws and the winner will be determined based on the combined total for each grade and each division.

- **Spring Programs**

1. Registration will begin December 1<sup>st</sup> for 2018 Spring Baseball, Softball, Flag Football and Soccer. These sports seasons will begin in April.

Ryan South, Program Coordinator discussed past and upcoming special events.

- The Soctoberfest tournament put on annually by the Metro Wolves Soccer Club was held on October 27-29. 157 teams participated in the tournament this year, 146 of which played at the La Vista Sports Complex. 8 fields were used on Friday night and all 12 were used both Saturday & Sunday. This is such a great event for the City as we have thousands of people eating at our restaurants, staying in our hotels and enjoying all the City has to offer. A big thanks to La Vista Public Works and the La Vista Police Department for their efforts in ensuring this tournament is a success year after year.
- Pump & Run took place on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Fifty-three people participated this year, which is an increase of eight people over last year's event. The weather conditions on Saturday were cold and rainy, but the event went on and afterwards the racers enjoyed an after-party sponsored by Infusion Brewing Company. South thanked Public Works and the Police Dept. for their help, and for supplying a golf cart to get around in during the rain on Saturday.

Member Kupfer asked if there was a registration fee for the Pump & Run, and if there is, what is done with the money? South stated that there is a fee, and it covers shirts & medals, food and water. Any excess left over is given back to Edge Body Boot Camp to be donated to Operation Smile. This year over \$900 will be donated. Last year it was \$500.

Tony White, Public Works Parks Dept.

- Tony has been with the Parks Dept. for 7 years.
- Tony discussed what the Parks Dept. has been doing to get ready for the winter months such as blowing out the irrigation and converting the mowers to snow removers. They have finished putting concrete at Centennial Park (Val Verde), and the trees at Flag Park are all lit up for the holiday season.

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

- Stopak explained the Special Services Bus program to Member Jameson, how the program works for La Vista and Ralston residents, and that David Karlson is overseeing the program.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Chairperson Kupfer motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.