

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
June 17, 2009

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2009. Present were Chairperson Scott Stopak and Advisory Board Members [Vice-Chairperson] Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer, George Forst II, and Randy Cahill. Absent was Member Penny Selders. Recreation staff members present were Recreation Asst. Director David Karlson, Program Director Rich Carstensen and Program Coordinator Eddie Burns. La Vista Public Works staff member Brian Lukasiewicz was also present.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on June 11, 2009. 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 the 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

Chairman Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Lodes.

Recreation Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recreation Director 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

Chairperson Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Committee Member Lodes. Motion carried.

Stopak made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2009 Advisory Board meeting.

Member Kupfer asked about the youth soccer program. Chairperson Stopak said he would discuss the ongoing soccer registrations a little later. Member Lodes said Lancer soccer registration deadline is July 1, and the recreational soccer is July 25. Program Coordinator Burns stated that he attended a meeting this week on the soccer program and received information on dates, rules etc. Member Lodes asked about the new 3 year olds' soccer program. Burns stated that the program is on Saturday mornings for 4 weeks.

Motion to approve minutes.

Seconded by Committee Member Lodes. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Chairperson Stopak reported that the golf course is doing very well this year. The course is 900 rounds over for the month of May 2009 compared to May 2008. In April, it was over 300 rounds. Denny Dinan is doing a tremendous job with the course, as is the Public Works Dept. The swimming pools' first session of lessons began on June 15 and will continue through June 26. The second session is July 6-17, and the last session is July 20-31. There are no major malfunctions with the pool this year. The drain was amended according to the new state regulations. One of the umbrellas was also repaired.

There will be a Vision 84 Community Workshop on Tuesday, June 23, at City Hall. This is not required, but would be helpful for the board members and other citizens of La Vista to attend.

Following up on the soccer program, Stopak said everything was being arranged. The goal is to get more kids involved with the soccer program. Richard Richt (Lancer president) and Member Lodes are assisting Burns with the organization of the new program.

The Panthers baseball program is remaining independent from the Recreation Dept. They would like to continue talks and work together on getting fields, etc.

Asst. Director David Karlson reported that the BBQ School was a great success. A second class is being scheduled for Sept. 15. The four people who are registered could not attend the first one because it was filled. Karlson said he is considering have a Barbecuing Judging class also.

The ice cream social was also a fun event, with four clowns making balloons and painting faces.

La Vista Days Community Cookout was on Sunday, June 14, with the annual celebrity softball game. Fireworks followed the softball game, presented by Bellino Fireworks.

Program Coordinator Eddie Burns reported that soccer, flag football, tackle football and cheerleading registrations will be in July. Youth softball and baseball are in their final days with tournaments ending the season. Adult softball is in its 7th week, and everything is going well. The Nebraska Midget Football League changed the age groups to single ages, instead of grouping two ages together (9/10, 11/12). There will be 9, 10 11, 12, and 13/14 still combined. If there is not enough for an age group, they will move up to the next age.

Triple Crown Baseball Tournament is running the same as the College World Series, June 11-26. There is 35-36 locations around the metro area, including the Sports Complex and City Park.

Program Director Rich Carstensen reported that the Seniors are going to the Golden Corral restaurant and the Western Heritage Museum this month. Today, they went to the Springfield Soda Fountain and on June 30, we are going to an Omaha Royals game. This month, they are also receiving their Farmers Market Coupons, 15-coupons (\$48 worth). This is a state program, and the Senior Centers have to follow certain guidelines in selecting participants for the program.

In July, plans are to celebrate the 4th of July with a luncheon provided by donations from the City Tree Lighting event in November 2008. Also ahead in July: Christmas in July, a movie and Patty Sargent discussing a support group for those needing assistance.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chairperson Lodes asked if smoking was permitted on city property. He said there were about 20 people outside the Community Center smoking last Thursday, and did not think it portrayed a positive image.

Chairperson Stopak said he would check, but thought that it was allowed for adults.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Forst made the motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.