

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, February 2, 2010 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Joe Ramirez, KT Russell and Julie Wright. Also present was Greg Karle, Parks and Recreation Director.

Minutes from the January 2010 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the youth basketball regular season is scheduled to conclude Feb. 13th. End of season tournament sites will be determined at the league meeting on Feb 4th. Springdale's tournament games will be played the weekends of Feb 20th & 27th.

Youth volleyball season is underway. The 9-11 yr. olds will conclude on Feb. 28th. There has been discussion of an end of season party for all the teams at Sharonville Community Center "Volleyball Fun Fest". The 12 – 15 year olds will conclude their season with a tournament on Mar. 14th at Springdale.

The cheerleaders have been cheering at 2 games per week for the majority of the season and will continue through the end of the regular season.

Registration began on Jan. 2nd for the spring sports of baseball, t-ball, and softball and spring soccer. Sign-ups will continue in February with late registration.

The women's volleyball teams are 3 weeks into the season. The racquetball league play is nearly complete. They will have an end of season tournament beginning Feb. 14th.

- The 2010 Senior Travel Guide was distributed to the commission members. Mr. Karle noted that the Travel Expo attracted a large number of seniors interested in seeing new places in 2010. There are day trips and multi-day opportunities. Two tour groups were represented as well as the Springdale Senior Citizens Club.

The Health Rhythms Drumming Demo on January 28th attracted 18 participants. They all seemed to enjoy the program, but staff will need to survey them to determine if it can be a viable program that people will support with a fee.

AARP will begin their free tax assistance program Feb. 5th. Assistance is available for simple Federal and State returns for seniors each Friday through April 9th (with the exception of April 2nd). Appointments may be made by contacting the Center.

"Crazy About Coupons" will be offered on Tuesday, February 16th. Participants will learn ways to minimize their grocery bills. The program will be presented by Assistant Director, Jackie O'Connell and will be free of charge.

The senior luncheon on February 12th has a Valentine's Day theme. Entertainment will be provided by Jim McBride, a "One Man Band".

A new Line Dancing Class will begin in late February. It will be offered on Wednesdays, 7:15pm – 8:45pm.

- The Teen Night on Jan 22nd attracted close to 60 teens. Things ran smoothly and there were no problems to report. The final Teen Night of the season is scheduled for March 19th. A meeting has been scheduled for Tues. Feb. 9th for all the members of STAFF to begin planning their own activities, outings and community service.
- At the January meeting there were several questions regarding the Community Center memberships and changes as the department moved to a rolling membership. Mr. Karle said that there will be email reminders sent to all members that will be expiring each month if they have provided us with their address. If we don't have an address they will receive a phone call reminder. A tickler will pop up at the front desk (for all members that will be expiring within the next 14 days) as they check out equipment, utilize facilities or make a transaction at the front desk. Staff has been advised to permit a courtesy visit after a member expires and it will be flagged so the courtesy is not abused. It is important to note that when a membership is renewed a new expiration date is established. If a member renews early, they will add 12 months to the remaining balance.
- At the January meeting Joe Scott's name was nominated for induction into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame. Mr. Karle confirmed that Joe Scott did coach boy's soccer for several years and would therefore be eligible for induction. The commission members voted and unanimously voted for Mr. Joe Scott to be inducted into the Youth Sport Memorial Hall of Fame. Also at the January meeting there were questions regarding the criteria for inclusion to the Hall of Fame. Mr. Karle said that he had found that the following criteria were established at the December 7, 1999 meeting, "A person's name may be placed in nomination to the Parks and Recreation Commission. As was said before the person must be deceased and have extraordinarily contributed to the youth sports programs coaching, officiating or support capacities. The Commission will annually entertain these nominations and make selections to join the other honored individuals." There was discussion on broadening the criteria for selection to include individuals who contributed to the betterment of the youth of Springdale. Mayor Webster requested that Mr. Karle develop criteria for consideration at the March meeting.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle updated the commission on action taken at the January meeting of the Springdale Youth Boosters. The following officers were elected for 2010. President, Meghan Wiscup, Vice President, Dana Kennedy, Secretary, Carolyn Burdine and Treasurer, Sharon Brooks.

SYB has found it necessary to raise sports registration fees beginning with the fall 2010 sign-ups. Each sport registration fee will increase by \$10 as well as the late registration fee. New fee are as follows:

\$50 – baseball, softball, soccer and basketball
\$30 – T-Ball, inst. soccer, volleyball, cheerleading
\$15 – Late Fee

The Cinema Horse Races are scheduled for February 27th. The doors open at 7pm and the 1st race is at 8pm. Tickets are \$5.

The date for Opening Day Parade has been set as Saturday, April 24th.

Mr. Ramirez suggested that the boosters consider using a color for the basketball teams other than blue, since Wyoming also uses that color. Mr. Karle said he would pass it onto them.

- The popular “Springdale’s Gone Wild” program begins Feb. 23rd with a program on “Amphibians”.
- Springdale will again be hosting the 3rd Grade Health Fair scheduled for Thursday, May 6th. The fair is a bit later this year at the request of Princeton. They wanted to have it after their standardized testing. Princeton did indicate this would probably be the final year they could be involved due to the cost of busing the children to the site. The committee discussed alternatives such as finding donations to support the transportation. This event provides important health and safety information to 3rd graders and is offered to both public and private schools in the Princeton District.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) **Cinema Horse Races – February 27th**