

**Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes from Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, January 5, 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 November 2009 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle noted that the youth basketball season is in full swing. There are 18 teams with 170 participants in Instructional through High School. This is up one team from last season. There are 14 girls in the cheerleading program on two teams. They cheer at home games on Saturday mornings. Youth volleyball numbers are up as well. There are 40 players on 5 teams in the two divisions - 3 in 9 -11, 2 in 12 -15. This compares to a total of 4 teams last season. There are 223 children participating in youth sports this winter.

An adult winter racquetball league has begun with 10 participants. Women's volleyball will have five teams and begin play next Wednesday.

- The seniors had their annual Holiday Dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Fifty people were in attendance.

The very popular Stay Fit class will continue as a free program. Personal Touch Home Healthcare and Wellsprings Retirement Community will be co-sponsoring it as we move forward. The class averages over 25 people per session.

Mr. Karle distributed a copy of the Inside Scoop and highlighted important upcoming activities.

- The Fitness Center ran a Food for Miles program during the holidays and collected over 200 food items donated to Springdale families through SOS.

Boot Camp started a new session Monday, January 4th. It's held Monday evenings at 5:30pm and Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:15am.

- Sharon Brooks was hired in November as the part time Teen Advisor. She is a resident and has been active volunteering as a coach, with swim team and has assisted with the teen group in the past.

The Teen Group held their annual Turkey Shoot Free Throw contest on the Sunday before Thanksgiving with 85 people taking their chances to win a frozen turkey. To enter participants donated two canned goods to feed needy families during the holidays.

The first Teen Night of the season was held December 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a relatively small number in attendance, but all seemed to have a good time.

The teens have been selling concession during basketball games to help fund their activities.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle explained that the Parks and Recreation Department will face a budget reduction of nearly 16% in 2010. Staff has been very diligent in finding ways to maintain quality services and operating in the most efficient ways possible. The two major city sponsored special events, Hometown Family Fourth and Taste of Springdale will not return in 2010. Capital Improvements have been limited to only essential maintenance and repair items. A list of the departmental Capital Budget items was distributed and discussed.

Mr. Ramirez noted that there has been a problem with the basketball time clock, specifically the possession arrows. Mr. Karle said one of the boards was sent out for repair just before the end of the year, but he would follow up and make sure the issue was corrected.

- As a cost savings measure, fulltime employees in the department will have 10 days of mandatory furlough in 2010. Five may be scheduled throughout the year and the others will be on prescribed “Cost Containment Days” when City offices with the exception of safety services will be closed. Thus, the Community Center will be closed on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The other CCD Day is November 26<sup>th</sup>, but the center will remain open limited hour of 8am – 5pm.
- The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association recently announced the 2009 Awards of Excellence and Springdale was honored with two Meritorious awards. In the area of Marketing – New Media/Electronic Media, for the Let’s Go Play website. The Adult Night at the Rec won in the category of Adult Programs and Events. The awards are to be presented at the OPRA Conference this month in Akron.
- Mr. Ramirez asked how members will know that their membership has expired this year since the card no longer has an expiration date and we have evolved to a rolling membership system. Mr. Karle explained that the cards can be used for many years, saving a considerable sum of money. When a membership expires the system will make the card inactive on the scanner. Access to areas with card reader doors would be denied and as members utilize other areas like the gym or track the front desk staff would be alerted that the membership is no longer active. Various processes were discussed such as email reminders, grace periods etc. Mr. Karle will provide a follow-up next meeting on the procedures.
- The Commission nominated and approved the induction of Karen Day into the Youth Sports Coaches Memorial Hall of Fame. She served as a Girls Softball head coach for a number of years and she and her family have been actively involved for many years. Mr. Karle noted that Joe Scott had passed away this past fall and he believed Mr. Scott had coached soccer at the Community Center a number of years ago. Mr.

Scott's dedicated service to youth as a scout leader for many years was also noted. Mr. Karle will research Mr. Scott's coaching service for the February meeting.

**Upcoming Dates of Interest**

- a) **Spring Sports Registration** - January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>
- b) **Senior Travel Preview** – January 15th