

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
7:00 p.m. @ the Community Center

- 1. Review of February Minutes**
- 2. Items of Old Business**
- 3. Items of New Business**
- 4. Mayor's Report**

Old Business

1. Sports Programming

The youth basketball regular season concluded on February 20th and tournament games will be played through March 6th. Springdale has 15 teams playing in 12 divisions and had 5 teams place 1st and 3 teams place 2nd in their league. Springdale is hosting the Boys L3, Girls L4 and Boys L5 tournaments. The youth volleyball season concluded on February 28th for the 9-11 age group and the 12 – 15 year olds will conclude with an end of season tournament on March 14th. The cheerleaders have finished their season and were able to cheer at 2 games per week for most of the season. We received many compliments on the quality of their performance. Registration for spring sports has been ongoing since January 2nd. Currently there are 112 children registered. It appears we will have 5 soccer teams, and 6 baseball/t-ball teams. These numbers reflex the loss of one team from 2009, which went to select soccer.

The women's volleyball leagues is more than half way complete. The end of season tournament will be March 24th. The racquetball league is currently in tournament play and will finish with the next week.

2. Adult/Senior Programming

The February luncheon had a Valentine's Day theme. Over 50 seniors attended and enjoyed the music of "one man band" Jim McBride.

The popular What's Cooking Class returned this year the first session held February 23rd and 25th. Both classes were filled with 10 people each.

With a money saving theme in mind, Crazy About Coupons was presented on February 16th, of course free of charge. Twenty people were in attendance.

Another favorite program, Springdale's Gone Wild" kicked off their series with with a program on amphibians. The Hamilton County Parks Naturalist brought toads, frogs and salamanders. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

See Scoop

3. Criteria for Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame

See attached criteria for approval

New Business

4. Laffalot Summer Camp

We were approached by a company called Laffalot Summer Camps to host a one week camp for children 1st through 6th grade. I see this as an outstanding opportunity to offer a quality program at little to no cost to the City. Our role would be to provide access to specific areas of the facility for the one week of camp (July 26 – 30), Monday – Friday, (9am – 2pm). The areas they would use include gymnasium space, Arts & Crafts Room (for lunch) and outdoor facilities. Their organization provides marketing, registration, instructors and equipment. We would assist in the marketing through our typical media and provide an area for them to store their equipment for the one week of camp. Access to the areas defined should have little to no impact on our normal operations or programs.

Laffalot proposes a fee of \$106 per child for the one week of camp. In return the City would receive 20% of their fee as a commission (standard fee for contracted programs at the center). They require a minimum of 25 campers to hold the camp, so the City would receive a minimum of \$530 if camp is held.

Laffalot Summer Camps has an excellent reputation and was rated as “Best of City 2008” by Cincinnati Magazine. They offer many camps in the Greater Cincinnati area including Blue Ash Recreation Center. We contacted them and described a very positive experience with this organization. As with many contracted programs offered, this would be open to non-resident, non-members but I feel many of our residents would find value in this opportunity.

5. Racquetball Court Refinishing

The maintenance staff will be refinishing the racquetball court floors beginning March 15th. The courts will be closed one week, until March 22nd.

6. Personnel

Parks Maintenance Worker Ken Shroyer resigned February 26th. We are planning to hire a Part Time Maintenance Worker to manage the workload.

Administrative Assistant Debbie Carpenter will retire June 30th. Her final day at work will be April 30th. We are planning to fill the position from within the current full time staff employed with the City. The job was posted and five applications were received.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) **Teen Night – March 19th**
- b) **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – March 20th**
- c) **Cost Containment Day (Good Friday) Closed – April 2nd**
- d) **Easter Sunday Closed – April 4th**