

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday May 4, 2010

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, May 4, 2010 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Joe Ramirez and K.T. Russell. Also present was Greg Karle, Recreation Director.

Minutes from the April 2010 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle noted that the spring youth sports are progressing well and all have begun league play. Registration for Fall Soccer began May 1st and will continue through the end of May.

The Men's Golf League has completed its fourth week. The Mixed Couples Softball League is back with six teams this year. They have a good mix of resident and Springdale business teams competing.

- Springdale's Gone Wild has been wildly successful. The program *All About Skunks* was attended by 61 people. It was presented by local skunk expert and naturalist Cody Hildebrand. Next up on May 18th is *Nature's Unhugables*, about snakes, snails and lizards.

A senior luncheon was held on Friday April 16th with entertainment by Raison D'Etre performing the music of the Andrews Sisters. Fifty seniors were in attendance. Coming up May 21st, the senior luncheon will feature classical, Latin and popular musical tunes by guitar and cello.

What's Cookin' finished up for the spring season with classes on April 20th & 22nd. Both classes were filled.

The AARP Drivers Safety Class was held April 22nd with twelve people completing the course.

Upcoming summer events were highlighted in the Inside Scoop

- Unfortunately, inclement weather caused the cancellation of the Opening Day parade. The ceremony did go on however in the Auxiliary Gym. A very large and festive crowd welcomed in the spring sports season.
- Debbie Carpenter worked her final day on April 30th. Janet Rudemiller had approximately five days to work with Debbie and learn her responsibilities. She is currently scheduled to split time (2 – 3 days per week) between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Administration.

Interviews took place for the position of Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker. There were 18 applications and four individuals were interviewed. A decision should be made with the week.

Interviews also took place for the open position of Customer Service Assistant. An offer has been extended to an individual contingent on a successful background check.

This past Saturday an orientation was held for the seasonal staff. Topics covered included policies, procedures and duties specific to their positions.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The pool staff has been busy preparing for the opening on May 29th. They should be able to fill around May 15th or 16th and begin filtering and adding chemicals immediately thereafter.

A new feature of the Family Fun Days this year will be a Cardboard Regatta race. Participants will build boats out of cardboard and duct tape and race them in the pool.

Several in-service training sessions will be conducted with the pool staff this summer. The training will go above and beyond what lifeguards receive through the American Red Cross program. Some of the areas included will be “Water Rescues,” “Scanning Strategies,” “Recognition and Rescue,” and “Emphasizing Bottom Sweeps.” The training sessions will occur on rainy days; however, some drills will be done during Open Swim.

The Sailfish will be accepting registrations for swim team on May 8th to take advantage of the crowd from the Bike Safety event. The staff has worked closely with them in finding ways to promote the competitive swimming program. As part of that effort, they will host a Meet the Coaches night on June 3rd at 6:00pm. All current and prospective swimmers and their families are invited. As an incentive, there will be free pizza and soft drinks. Additionally, the swim team has two excellent fund raisers. They will be selling PaPa Johns coupon books for \$10, with \$7 going to the team. On June 16th they will have a Burger Bash at Wendy’s.

- Mr. Karle presented a request from Springdale resident Howard Blevins to utilize meeting room space on four occasions for meetings of the Southwest Swimming Officials Association. The dates are November 3rd, November 17th, December 1st, and January 5th. These are Wednesday evenings and the meetings would be from 7:15pm to 8:45pm with 20 to 50 people in attendance. The purpose of the meetings is to train, discuss and clarify rules for competitive swimming. Members of the organization officiate at the high school level and in the summer recreational programs. Mr. Blevins is requesting a waiver of the room rental fee. The Recreation Commission granted the waiver.
- Tuesday, April 20th, twenty-five volunteers from GE Aviation worked on a community service project in the parks. They spread wood chips on the play areas and performed several painting projects.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) **Third Grade Health Fair – May 6th**
 - b) **Cost Containment Day – May 7th**
 - c) **Bike Safety Program – May 8th**
 - d) **Pool Opens – May 29th**
 - b) **Memorial Day – May 31st open 1pm – 9pm**
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- Mayor Webster explained to the Recreation Commission members that other features were being considered for the Community Yard Sale in August. Additional features under consideration include document shredding and information on recycling.