

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, January 2, 2007

Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, January 2, 2007 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Bob Diehl, Holly Emerson and Joe Ramirez. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the November, 2006 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball teams began their season the past weekend. There are 126 children participating. Cheerleading is back with 20 girls enrolled. Youth volleyball players have begun practice and are preparing for their January start.

Mayor Webster asked Mr. Karle how many and under what circumstances are non-resident children permitted to play in the basketball program. Mr. Karle explained that non-residents are added to a team to fill the roster to a level that makes it a viable team. The decision to add non-residents is made after the normal sign-up period.

- Mr. Karle also noted that there would be six Women's Volleyball teams this year and that their season is scheduled to begin in January. Unfortunately, there were not enough sign-ups for a 3 on 3 Basketball league again this year. Mrs. Emerson suggested that a full court 5 on 5 league may be successful. After some discussion, Mr. Karle advised that the staff would investigate the merits of offering that format next winter.
- Mr. Karle reported that the seniors had their Holiday Dinner on December 2nd. Over 140 people enjoyed a catered buffet, holiday music and dancing. The staff has received many favorable comments on the event.
- Mr. Karle distributed copies of the Inside Scoop. He explained that the name was changed (removed "senior") to hopefully broaden its appeal, a recommendation of the Participants Council. We have also changed to a format that covers two months at a time. The senior programming and event highlights discussed.
- The Senior Activity Room and meeting room expansion project is essentially complete. Currently, the maintenance crew is busy installing furnishings. Rooms A, B, and C are open for use.
- The teen group held their annual Turkey Shoot on November 19th. Two large buckets of canned goods were collected. A family in need in Springdale received

a Thanksgiving dinner and a large collection of non-perishable food. The surplus food was donated to the Nazarene Church Food Pantry.

- The first teen night of the year was held November 17th. There were no problems to report.
- A new Teen Advisor, Adam Knight, was recently hired. He is a Princeton High School graduate and holds a BS in Sports Management from Xavier University. Adam has worked for the Village of Evendale in various capacities since 1994 including Games Coordinator, Grounds Maintenance, Summer Program Coordinator and since 2003, as the part-time Teen Advisor/Preteen Coordinator. He attended the November Teen Night and is planning a meeting to introduce himself to the STAFF group and to plan and share ideas.
- Mr. Karle noted some pending personnel changes. Ken Miller, part-time custodian has given his notice of resignation. A person has been identified to fill this position and is currently undergoing a background check.

Mr. Karle announced that Bob Young will be joining the full time staff as Parks Maintenance Supervisor. He comes to us from Brookwood Retirement Community where he was Director of Maintenance. Mr. Young has vast experience in all facets of building maintenance and supervision. He will begin work in approximately 4 weeks.

Mr. Karle also announced to the Commission that Marty Garges, Adult/Senior Programmer had informed us today that her husband had accepted a position in Charlotte, North Carolina. She plans to stay until their home sells however. We certainly hate to lose an outstanding professional like Marty, but we are excited about the great opportunity for her and her husband Jim. We plan to begin advertising for this position very soon.

- Approximately two dozen people attended the Family Movie Night. We had positive feedback and plan to repeat this program.
- The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony took place Sunday November 26th. The Springdale Elementary Chorale provided an outstanding performance of holiday favorites. There were many parents and grandparents in attendance as well as Santa, of course.
- Mr. Karle stated that the staff is reviewing departmental emergency procedures and operational plans. Many procedures have been in place for some time and will need to be updated. We have received a copy of Sharonville Recreation Department's document as well as those from other jurisdictions and will review their plans. The staff will work with Dave Buschmann of the Police Department in preparing the plan. When complete, written copies will be distributed to staff

and training sessions will be conducted to clarify concepts, answer questions and provide a forum for feedback.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Plans are in the works for the 2007 “Third Grade Health Fair”. The event will be at the Community Center Thursday, April 12th. This is a joint effort of the Health and Recreation Departments in Sharonville and Springdale and the school district health nurses. Third graders in public and private schools within the Princeton School District will be invited.

- The following Upcoming Dates of Interest were noted:
 - a) A Senior Celebration/Open House will be held January 5th 9:00am to noon. There will be an open house for the new Senior Activity Room, program demonstrations, snacks and refreshments.
 - b) Spring youth sports sign-ups begin January 6th. Registration for spring soccer, baseball, T-ball and girls softball will continue through the end of the month.
 - c) The wildlife program “Wings Over Springdale will be January 9th, 7:00pm to 8:00pm.
 - d) A teen dance is scheduled for January 12th, 9:00pm to 11:00pm.
 - e) A Family Movie Night is planned for January 21st at 6:00pm.