

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, K.T. Russell and Joe Ramirez. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the January 2008 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the regular season for the basketball teams is moving into the final weeks. The teams have been very successful. All four girls' teams are in first place as are four of the eight boys' teams. Springdale will be hosting four league tournaments February 15th – 23rd.
- Spring sports registration is underway. The department has made a concerted effort to increase registration numbers by implementing an aggressive marketing program. Mr. Karle listed the initiatives which had been put in place and played a DVD commercial the staff had produced that was being played daily at Springdale Elementary School. It appears the marketing effort is having a positive effect.
- Free eye-screenings were provided to nineteen seniors in January by the Tri-State Centers for Sight.
- Nine people attended the introduction to badminton. The twice a week program is open to all adults.
- The 2008 travel preview was held on Friday, January 18th. Representative from AAA Royal Travel and Joy Tour and Travel discussed upcoming trips for the year. Over sixty-five people attended.
- A new event was offered in January for seniors, "Afternoon at the Movies". It was held in the Senior Lounge. Twelve people attended and we are hopeful this monthly event will grow in popularity.
- Mr. Karle noted that the staff has been working hard on expanding programming for adult members and have a number of exciting special events and programs starting in the next few months. Coming in March, will be the first Experience Springdale "Adult Night at the Rec.". There will be a wide variety of games and entertainments to fill the evening of March 28th.

Following up April 26th will be Italian Night with wine tasting, an Italian buffet and classic guitar entertainment. Child care will be available.

Mr. Karle also highlighted several new programs geared to the adult members including Zumba, Get Up and Go Boot Camp, Cardio Dance Fusion and What's Cooking (healthy cooking class).

- A teen night was held on January 18th with approximately 60 teens in attendance. The teen group is continuing their concession operations during youth basketball games.
- Regarding personnel, Mr. Karle announced that Park Maintenance Worker Jason Kemmeter started his employment on January 28th. He comes from The Ridge Club golf course. He has worked in the paving business and has experience with the City of Blue Ash Parks Department. Mr. Kemmeter has operated many types of heavy and power equipment and has skill in wood working. He should prove to be an outstanding addition to our staff.

Customer Service Assistant Doreen Monson has resigned to pursue a career as a Medical Assistant. A replacement has been identified and is currently undergoing a background check.

The department is currently accepting applications for summer employment including the positions of Assistant Aquatics Director, Lifeguards, Gate Workers, Concession Workers and Seasonal Parks Maintenance Workers.

- The Community Center boundary fence, Underwood Park fence and fields #5 and #6 are complete. It is hoped that the remainder of the fields will be complete by the end of February.
- At the January Recreation Commission meeting, Mr. Karle had requested assistance in developing a policy for after hour events in the Auxiliary Gym, particularly in regard to the type of event that could be scheduled. After considerable discussion, it was determined that membership be required for rental of rooms and the Auxiliary Gym. The Auxiliary Gym could be rented for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and graduations. The honorees or their parents would be required to be a Springdale resident. Exceptions to the above perimeters may be approved through the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Karle will provide a draft policy for approval at the March meeting.

Items of **New Business** were:

- Jim Rogers and Larry Pearson were nominated into the Youth Sports Memorial. The Commission voted unanimously for both individuals to be inducted during the Opening Day Ceremonies on April 26th. Mayor Webster requested that Mr. Karle research the criteria for nomination for the next meeting. He indicated he would like to nominate Jan Daggett but would need to verify that the current criteria apply.
- The following dates of interest were noted:
 - a) Night on the Red Carpet – February 9th
 - b) Springdale's Gone Wild "Vultures: Nature's Scavengers" February 12th
 - c) Teen Dance – February 15th
 - d) SYB Cinema Horseraces – February 23rd