

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, and Joe Ramirez. Also present was Matt Beaty, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director.

Minutes from the March 2009 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Beaty announced that Spring Sports registration is complete and updated the commission on the sports programs. The SAY Soccer games began Saturday, April 4th. There are six teams playing spring soccer, which is the same as last spring. There are 2 T-ball teams this season which will compete with teams from Glendale, Hartwell and Wyoming. This is down one team from last spring, this has to do with the addition of one “coach pitch” or pony baseball team. Springdale added the Pony division this spring for 7 year olds instead of having them play t-ball for a 3rd year. Springdale’s four baseball teams begin play on April 18th.

There are no girl’s softball teams this season. At the suggestion of Mayor Webster, the possibility of having a slow pitch youth league will be brought up at the next G.I.R.L. Softball League Meeting. Ms. Daniels also suggested that we market our youth softball program to surrounding communities such as Glendale.

The registration deadline was extended for Mixed Couples Softball League in an effort to give teams a little longer to register. The Men’s Golf League will have 12 teams again this year. Play begins at the Mill Course on April 15th.

- The Springdale’s Gone Wild series has been very well attended this year. In March, over 40 people attended the *Let’s Get Batty* program. Due to the excellent response to the program, a *Bat Walk* is planned for August at Ross Park to see bats in their natural habitat.

Chair volleyball continues to grow. Springdale will have two teams participate in the league this year. League play begins this month. Anna Breidenbach and Donna Lanter, as well as four team members, attended referee training class in March.

The senior luncheon in March was attended by 50 people. The internationally known duo *Wild Carrot* provided the entertainment.

Twenty-two people attended the free Fall Prevention Seminar on March 24th. It was provided by Mercy Fairfield Occupational Therapist Marcia Lane and Physical Therapist Kristin Sams. They were thrilled with the excellent attendance and have agreed to provide more free seminars.

What's Cookin'? Classes continue to be very popular and fill quickly. The March topic and menu was One Pot Wonders.

- The Teen Night on March 20th had approximately 45 teens in attendance. Princeton had a make-up basketball game that night, which probably affected attendance.

A number of STAFF members assisted the Lions Club at their annual Pancake Breakfast. They served guests and bussed tables.

- The aquatics staff is nearly complete. Fourteen of the fifteen lifeguards for 2008 are returning this year. In addition to the vacant position, we will be hiring three additional lifeguards to provide more flexibility in scheduling and to reduce overtime hours worked. There will be no additional hours worked; it will just be distributed among more people. The 2009 staff will be the most experienced and qualified staff we have had in many years. Sixty-five percent will have obtained their certification in the advanced training of Water Safety Instructor. OJ Mesina will serve as the Assistant Aquatics Director contingent on a successful background check. He has served as the assistant coach of the Springdale Sailfish, and the Mercy Healthplex Sea Wolves and is a 2nd grade teacher at the Kings Academy Community School. Mr. Messina holds a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education from the Ohio State University.

The Springdale Sailfish will conduct registration in conjunction with the Bike Safety event on May 9th, from 10am – 12noon. Registration for non-residents begins June 1st. Plans are moving forward on the NSSL Swim Championships scheduled for July 13th & 14th.

Registrations for Swim Lesson, water exercise and 1, 2, 3 Swim begins April 13th.

Items of **New Business** were:

- Mr. Beaty advised the committee on several upcoming dates of interest. The 2009 Opening Day Parade and Ceremony will be on Saturday, April 18th. The parade begins at 9:00am from Value City parking lot and concludes with a ceremony in the amphitheatre with the induction of Sonny Shaffer into the Youth Sports Hall of Fame. His wife Sally will be in attendance. The Arbor Day Ceremony will be April 24th at 4:00pm. The location of the new tree has yet to be determined. The Police Department will be sponsoring a Boating Safety Class on Saturday, April 25th at the Community Center. Springdale Day at the Reds will be Saturday, April 25th at 1:10pm. The Springdale Elementary Chorale will sign the National Anthem and Cecil Osborn will throw out the first pitch.
- The following dates of interest were noted:
 - a) Opening Day Parade and Ceremony – April 18, 9:00am
 - b) Arbor Day Ceremony
 - c) Boating Safety Class
 - d) Springdale Day at the Reds – April 25th, 1:15pm