

**Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes from Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, May 5, 2009 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Holly Emerson, Joe Ramirez and K.T. Russell. Also present was Greg Karle, Parks and Recreation Director.

Minutes from the April 2009 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that spring soccer and youth baseball are progressing smoothly. The Opening Day Parade and Ceremony took place on Saturday, April 18th. Twelve of the thirteen teams participated. SYB choose to give \$25 to each team that participates to use for their end of season party in lieu of the banner contest. A surprise donor that morning handed the booster's president three envelopes containing \$100, \$75 and \$50 as an award for the top three banners. Gapper from the Reds picked the winners who received this prize instead of the \$25 from SYB.

Sonny Shaffer, baseball coach and youth booster, was inducted into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame. His wife and family were there to accept the honor.

Mr. Karle also informed the Commission that fall youth soccer registration had begun on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Unfortunately there were not enough teams to have a Mixed Couples Softball League this year. Staff will attempt to revive this program next year, but in the interim, Mr. Beaty will be offering the Adult Drop-in Sports of Wiffleball as an alternative. They will play the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

The Men's Golf League has begun play at the Mill Course. There are twelve teams competing.

The Vineyard Soccer League completed its first Saturday of play at Chamberlain Park without incident. Mr. Karle spoke with Mr. Diaz and they were very pleased with the response. There were approximately 45 children participating and another 40 – 50 parent spectators. The Parks Maintenance Supervisor reported no issues of concern on Monday morning.

Springdale Offering Support is planning a co-ed softball tournament fund raiser on Sat. August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- The final Springdale's Gone Wild program of the spring featured vultures. Approximately 30 people attended along with a live vulture from Hamilton County Park District.

Approximately 50 people attended the Country Hoedown featuring square dancing and line dancing. Almost everyone took part in the dancing. This event

led to the Monday Line Dancing open house on April 27<sup>th</sup> with many people taking advantage of the free class.

AARP Drivers Safety class will be Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am to 2:30pm. This class is designed for drivers 50 and over and in many cases provides a discount from auto insurers.

The May luncheon is themed Songs of the Old West. It will feature cowboy tunes and a delicious lunch.

- There will be an intern in the Fitness Center beginning in mid June. Phyllis Calhoun will work approximately 35 hour per week for 10 weeks. She is completing her Masters degree in Health Education and Exercise Management from the University of Cincinnati.
- Tonya Terrell has been hired to Park Patrol to replace Eugene Sampson who recently resigned. Tonya has worked for our department previously in this capacity. She also works in the security department at Princeton High School and brings much experience to the position.
- The aquatics and maintenance staff have been busy performing pre-season work for it's opening on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The pool should be filled by the end of the week.

A new light pole has been installed to replace the one blown down last season. The automatic chemical controllers are being installed this week.

Swim lesson registration began on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Adult lesson have filled even after opening up five additional spots. Also the Learn to Swim program has 53 children registered and 1,2,3 Swim! is nearly half full. This is a great response for so early in the season.

- Courts #1 and #2 will be closed May 20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> for refinishing. The track will also be closed during the finishing process, probably one day. Walkers may utilize the Auxiliary Gym during this period.
- Assistant Recreation Director Jackie O'Connell presented an overview of the departmental website. The site is not currently active, but should be shortly. The website is viewed as a primary source of communication to residents and members of the Community Center. It will provide a wealth of information including photos and a blog page. There was some concern with the inclusion of the blog page. It was explained that the content would be closely monitored to avoid personal attacks or inappropriate comments. It was felt however that it could provide important feedback from the public and assist in answering questions or explaining policies or decisions made by the department.
- Mr. Karle distributed the Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Report.
- The following dates of interest were noted:

- a)** Fall Soccer Registration – through May 30<sup>th</sup>
- b)** Bike Safety Program – May 9<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm registration, free helmets, lights, hot dogs and soft drinks
- c)** Pool Opens – May 23<sup>rd</sup> (new hours Sat. 12 – 5pm and Sun. 1 – 6)
- d)** Veterans Memorial Dedication May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm