

**Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes from Tuesday, November 6, 2007**

Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, November 6, 2007 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Holly Emerson, K.T. Russell and Joe Ramirez. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the October 2007 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the boy's passers team coached by Warren Taylor won their qualifying tournament and advanced to the SAY North Tournament. There they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and have now qualified to advance to the SAY State Tournament. The boys strikers team coached by Holly Emerson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league, advanced to the Say North Tournament where they placed in the top four also qualifying them to advance to the State Tournament.
- Currently there are 128 players registered for basketball. As the junior high and high school teams make cuts we should approach last year's numbers of approximately 150 players. Staff is planning on 15 teams this year.

Cheerleading has 15 girls registered and we hope to fill that program with twenty as the season approaches.

Ms. Russell asked if adjustments could be made in the scheduling of activities in the gymnasiums during the fall and winter months. She indicated that having practice in the Auxiliary Gym with open gym on the other side can be problematic. It was suggested that perhaps the open gym could be eliminated or programs such as Women's Volleyball could be moved to Sundays to free up gym time during the week. Mr. Karle responded that it has been a commitment of the department to provide at least one open gym at all times except for very rare exceptions. He further stated the he would hesitate to move a successful program like the Women's Volleyball to a different day and risk jeopardizing the league. Mr. Karle said he would look into the matter to see if there is anything that could be done.

- The annual Halloween Carnival took place October 26<sup>th</sup>. New this year was a caricature artist and balloon artist. Both were extremely popular with the children and their parents.
- Over 70 people attended the Apples All Around luncheon on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Director of the Johnny Appleseed Society shared interesting facts with the group.

November is a very busy month with several new programs. November 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Healthy Cooking Class which will teach attendees how to make the most of their leftovers. November 16<sup>th</sup> staff will break out a wide array of games such as

Domino's, UNO, and Scrabble. Snacks and refreshment will be provided. The event is open to all.

An announcement has gone out for a new social group R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Older Men Eating Out). With the success of the women's Red Hat Society the idea was brought forth to start a similar group for men.

Excitement is in the air for the upcoming Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Again this year there will be an outstanding meal served at 6:00pm and music and dancing throughout the evening.

- Mr. Karle announced that a candidate had been selected for the open Custodian position. He has significant experience in custodial work at Xavier University and is currently employed as a custodian in an industrial setting.

Seven applicants for the Parks Maintenance Worker position have been selected for interviews which will take place the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tonya Terrell recently resigned from her position on Park Patrol. Applications are currently being accepted.

- The fence and backstop replacement project should begin within the next few weeks. Ten large trees in the fence line had to be removed. With that work done, the fence contractor can now begin.

Items of **New Business** were:

- The following upcoming dates of interest were noted:
  - a) Turkey Shoot Free Throw Contest – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – 4:30pm
  - b) Thanksgiving Day – Closed
  - c) Tree Lighting Ceremony – November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm