

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, December 2, 2008 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Joe Ramirez and K.T. Russell. Also present was Greg Karle, Parks and Recreation Director.

Minutes from the November 2008 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that there are 170 children registered for basketball this year. Seventeen teams will compete as compared to 15 last season. Games begin December 6th for first through fifth grade, December 13th for junior and senior high school and instructional teams will begin January 3rd.

Cheerleading has twenty girls registered. They begin cheering at games January 3rd.

Volleyball has 31 children registered to date. They begin practice in December and games begin the 2nd week of January. As was done last season, teams will compete with Wyoming in both age divisions.

Registration is underway for the Adult Women's Volleyball League. Games are scheduled to begin on January 7th.

- Games Galore continues to be very popular. In November they had a Bunco Only Day that attracted twenty-five people. It was also designed to teach new people the game.

Adult Night at the Rec returned in November with approximately 65 people in attendance. There was a DJ, palm reader, caricature artist as well as a plethora of games including Wii, badminton, corn hole, basketball and walleyball. There were two fun competitions, "Pie in the Face" and Spud Sculptures. Twenty-two people competed in the Spud Sculptures. Each contestant was given 2 cups of mashed potatoes, food coloring, tooth picks and 40 minutes to create a masterpiece. Fourteen people competed in the "Pie in the Face" competition and tried to be the fastest to eat a whipped cream pie without hands.

The Senior Citizens Club had a day trip to Grand Victoria with 44 people heading out for a day of gambling and buffets. The arrangement between the Senior Club and members of the Community Center has worked out well to the benefit of everyone involved.

Coming up in December is the Annual Holiday Dinner on December 6th. The dinner will be catered by Zeh's Catering who also catered the Senior Prom in May. Entertainment will be provided by the guitar/mandolin duo of Carnder & Lisak. This professional performance is made possible through our membership with Creative Aging Cincinnati. There are 107 people registered to attend.

Also coming up in December through the Creative Aging Cincinnati program will be an osteoporosis exercise class called Make No Bones About It, on December 11th, at 11am. Featured will be Donnie Kalb, a well known lecturer and exercise instructor for the senior population. The class is free.

- Mr. Karle announced that Perry Mackall submitted his resignation as part-time Fitness Instructor. He accepted a fulltime position with Humana. The position is currently posted.
- As a follow up to issues concerning the departmental website Mr. Karle notified the commission that dated material has been removed. A new and improved website should be in place by the end of February. We will have a professional design the site. It will run a program that will be manageable by our staff, and once the template is created our personnel can keep it current and informative. This is part of a broader initiative to change the way we communicate with our members and residents. The change will be more cost effective and productive.
- Preparations are underway this month to implement the pass management module of Rec Trac. This module will bring together most aspects of customer service into one centralized database including memberships, facility scheduling and activity registration. It will allow us to provide memberships on a rolling basis, eliminate hand written receipts, cash registers, credit card machines and manual bookkeeping. Front desk staff will be training this week on the new system.

The following items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle explained that the administration had requested as part of the budgetary process recommendations for fee adjustments from the Parks and Recreation Department. Through meeting with staff, a list of recommended fee increases and policy changes were developed. It is estimated that the changes proposed can have an impact of approximately \$100,000 in new revenue. We feel comfortable that the facility and staff can accommodate the changes without significant inconvenience to our current members and residents.

In general modest increases in membership fees were recommended. Though these fees have not increased since the expanded Community Center was opened in 2000 it was felt that with the current economy many families are faced with financial concerns as well. Even with these adjustments the fees at Springdale are lower in almost every case than other comparable facilities in neighboring communities.

Mr. Karle presented the proposed policy changes and fee adjustments (see attachment). The Recreation Commission agreed to support the recommendations as presented.

5. Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) Christmas Eve – Close at 5pm
- b) Christmas Day - Closed
- c) New Years Eve – Close at 5pm
- d) New Years Day - Closed