

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Mayor Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, November 10, 2009 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Holly Emerson, KT Russell and Joe Ramirez. Also present was Greg Karle, Parks and Recreation Director.

Minutes from the October 2009 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that fall soccer has concluded. None of the teams qualified for post season play.

In the coming winter sports season in youth basketball instructional through 6th grade there will be 14 teams with 142 participants. The Jr. High and High School teams will fill out after the cuts are made for the school teams. We expect to ultimately have 17 or 18 teams. Matt Beaty will be keeping the standings for the basketball league and posting them on the departmental website. It is hoped that it will not only be informative and convenient, but will also drive consistent traffic to our site.

Cheerleading has 15 of 20 openings filled.

Youth Volleyball has 19 children registered in the 9-11 division and 10 registered in the 12 – 15 division. It is still somewhat early in the process for this program and more registrations are expected to come in over the next few weeks.

Women's Volleyball registration begins November 15th

Adult Fall/Winter Racquetball League registration has begun, play begins Nov. 30th

- On October 8th a free Time Management Seminar was held. Community Center member Kay Schallick is a nationally known speaker on this topic. Her presentation was heard by twelve of our members.

The Oktoberfest Luncheon was held on Friday October 16th. Forty people were in attendance for this festive luncheon.

The Chair Volleyball League completed their third season of competition. They attended the Hamilton County Public Health Chair Volleyball League's End of Season Social and Banquet on October 28th in Harrison.

Mr. Karle distributed the November/December issue of the Inside Scoop and highlighted more activities available in the coming month.

- The Teen Advisor, Dana Kennedy has elected to step down from her position. Applicants are currently being interviewed. A busy fall is planned so it is hoped that the new person can be in place as soon as possible. The teen group is planning a

Rake and Run for November 21st. Leaves will be raked for the elderly and disabled residents in the community. November 22nd will be the annual Turkey Shoot Free Throw Contest from 2pm to 4pm. The cost to enter is two canned goods or \$2. Winners in each age division from 5 & under to seniors, male and female are awarded a frozen turkey.

- Mr. Karle present the 2009 Aquatics Report. He explained that attendance was down this year in large part due to the unusually cool and wet summer. Charts illustrated the daily attendance and the weather conditions for each day of operation. There were no serious injuries or significant incidents to report. There were two mechanical issues of note; it was necessary repair the pool slide motor, mid-season, but down time was limited to only a few days. Also late in the season the baby pool heater failed and is not repairable. A replacement will be planned in 2010. Mr. Karle also reviewed the cost savings measures made in the concession stand operations and the reduced in operating hours implemented in 2009. Both can be viewed as very successful.
- The Business and Community Expo/Taste/Tailgate event was held October 11th from noon to 4pm at the Community Center. There were booths from area businesses, community organizations and city departments. Local restaurants provided samplings of their food at a nominal cost. For entertainment, the Bengals vs. Ravens game was projected on a big screen.
- The annual Halloween Carnival was held Sunday October 25th at the Community Center. Approximately 100 children and their parents enjoyed games, costume contests, crafts and treats. Donations from businesses were down this year so there was a reduction in the number of prizes and some of the entertainment was eliminated. Despite those changes those in attendance appeared to have a wonderful time and the quality of the event was maintained.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle presented a revised Alcoholic Beverage Permit. He explained that there were some minor changes in the language recommended by the City Solicitor.
- Springdale's 50th anniversary will be celebrated with an open house at the Municipal Building on November 15th, 2pm – 4pm. Mayor Webster, Cecil Osborn and Derrick Parham will be speaking. There will be a video slide show of Springdale past and present. Cake and refreshments will be served.
- The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 29th, 7:30pm at the Municipal Building. The Springdale Elementary Chorale will be singing Holiday favorites. The Official City Christmas Tree will be lit. There will be a guest appearance by Santa and desserts and refreshments for all.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) **50th Anniversary Open House** – November 15th, 2pm – 4pm
- b) **Turkey Shoot** – November 22nd, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- c) **Thanksgiving Day** – November 26th, closed

d) Tree Lighting Ceremony – November 29th

- Mayor Webster announced the SOS Adopt a Family Program and the great need in the community this holiday season. People may sponsor a family or contribute gifts, food or monetary donations.