

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 7, 2023

On Tuesday, November 7, Mayor Doyle Webster was absent at the meeting, so Charlie Wilson, Director of Parks & Recreation called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Lori Merz, Rob Hormann, Scott Haungs, Steven Brooks, and Denise Bollinger.

Minutes from October 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Sports Programming

The fall youth soccer and volleyball have wrapped up for the season.

We are currently accepting basketball and cheerleading registrations but should be wrapping up soon. Springdale, and other communities, have been negatively impacted by the Princeton Lil Vikes competitive basketball league. We are experiencing a drop in recreational basketball numbers along with surrounding communities due to the Lil Vikes school based competitive league. Our main mission is to provide programming for kids who play recreationally and fill that void while programs that hold tryouts fill the void for those that play at a more competitive level. In the meantime, the department will look for and examine all youth sporting options.

Basketball Skills & Drills Clinic will take place Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 AM.

Adult/Senior Programming

Pickleball – Mondays 12:00 PM & Thursdays 10:00 AM. We are currently averaging 24-30 folks playing pickleball during these times.

Active Aging Week – we had 390 seniors visit and take part in our active aging week programming. A few highlights of the week were, coffee with a cop, Hamilton County Parks, Health Fair, Pones and our Oktoberfest activities and games.

Document Shredding Event

The second document shredding event took place October 7. Our residents shred weight for the program was 5,840 lbs (October 2022 3,240 lbs).

Club Rec

Fall Fest took place on October 6. We had 11 kids show for an evening scavenger hunt and bonfire and s'mores.

Personnel

We are currently hiring for the following part time positions of Recreation Attendant, Teen Advisor, Front Desk, Fitness Center Attendant, and Aquatics Director.

Kids-Spooky-Boo-Bash - Saturday, October 21 2:00 - 4:00 PM

We had more than 200 kids and parents attend this year. Very pleased with the turnout. We had 14 new games and activities, pre-carved pumpkin contest, costume contest, haunted hallway tour, and the 501 Legion attended.

SYB Family Dance Fundraiser – Saturday, November 4

The dance was held in the Auxiliary gym. Denise Bollinger mentioned that there was not as good of a turnout as in years past but SYB was pleased with how the event turned out and participants had a good time.

Election Day - Tuesday, November 7

As done in the past, the Board of Elections will setup in the Gym and open at 6:00 AM.

Veterans Day Ceremony - Friday, November 10 at 1:00 PM

Springdale will present a special ceremony in commemoration of Veteran's Day at the Springdale Veterans Memorial. Barney Landry (95) will be our guest speaker. Barney was a Korean War Veteran who was congressionally appointed to West Point. His job, while serving in the military, was an atomic bomb cloud sampler. He then went on to work for GE's Jet Engine Department for 33 years.

New Business

Springdale Community Center Hours - Closed on Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving.

Tree Lighting Ceremony - Monday, November 27 at 7:00 PM

The 2nd Grade Springdale Elementary choir will be in attendance this year. We are welcoming the local community youth to meet Santa and have cookies and drinks, sing Christmas carols & tree lighting by the Mayor.

S.O.S Adopt-A-Family

Giving Tree will be available in the lobby at the Community Center starting November 13

Canned Food Drop off at the Community Center starting November 3.

You can also adopt your own family or donate monetarily by contacting the Springdale Health Department.

Santa 5K & Christmas Vender Village – S.O.S. Fundraiser

Saturday, December 2 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Springdale Community Center – 11999 Lawnview Ave.

Santa 5K 9:00AM

Run or walk our 1 mile/5k course dressed as Santa or in festive attire. After the race, enjoy music, cookies, cocoa & pictures with Santa. Registration \$20 per person.

Vender Village 9:00 AM - 1:00PM

Shop local and support local artists, crafters and baked goods specialists.

Proceeds benefit Springdale Offering Support (S.O.S.) helping needy families in our community. Event is rain or shine. See you there!

State Capital Grant

The City is planning to apply for state capital grant funding to revitalize the community center playground and outdoor basketball courts and tennis courts with the intention of replacing two tennis courts with four pickleball courts.

Underwood & Cameron Park

We met with our playground build representative two weeks ago to finalize some details that align without comprehensive and connectivity plan. We hope to have rendering at our next meeting.

Springdale Coaches Memorial & Hall of Fame Recommendations

The event will be held on Friday, January 5 at the Springdale Community Center. Mr. Wilson asked if there would be any nominations for this upcoming year. Four names were given to look into for our winter sports youth pep rally and coaches memorial. Two final names were officially chosen - Charlie Hormann, and Keith Perkins.

We decided we would table the following names for 2025 - Debbie Roberts, Don Burwinkle and Rusty Teague.

Mayors Report

Mayor was not in attendance, due to election. No Report Given.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM