

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 30, 2021

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Mary Jane Brooks, Lori Merz, Josh Monson, Rob Hormann, and Mike Sickinger. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director Charlie Wilson.

Mayor Wester announced that Daryl Dennie had to step down from Rec Commission due to work related reasons. Mayor appointed Mary Jane Brooks to Rec Commission in his place. Minutes from the September 2021 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- **Sports Programming**

Mr. Wilson said since the September meeting, fall sports, Soccer & Volleyball were wrapped up. We had three soccer teams that made the state tournament but lost in round one.

The winter sports registration went very well for basketball and cheerleading. There will be nineteen teams this season, with a total of 184 players. The cheerleading program has 17 girls on their squad. Games begin December 4 for 2nd grade through high school, and Instructional games begin January 8. 2020 – 160 players, 17 teams, 2019 – 179 players, 18 teams.

Registration has begun for adult Racquetball League and Women's Volleyball League. Both leagues begin play in early January.

- **Events & Programming**

Monster Mania

On Saturday, October 23, 150 people attended our Halloween event. The kids enjoyed carnival games and activities, and treats. Club Rec designed and ran a haunted room tour. Event ended with a Costume Contest. We worked with the 501st Legion who supplied 15 authentic Star Wars volunteers for the event. They did an excellent job.

Document Shredding Event

The second document shredding event took place October 23. Our residents shred weight for the program was 3,600 lbs. * June – 5,500 lbs. October - 4,000 lbs. **2020 Shred Events** April – Cancelled due to Covid, Oct – 13,000.

Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 13, we had our annual special ceremony in commemoration of Veteran's Day at the Springdale Veterans Memorial. Sargent 1st Class Todd Sams gave the Invocation, presentation of colors by our Springdale Honor Guard, and our guest speaker was Major Dan Peat. He did an excellent job. Approximately 100 people attended.

Basketball Skills & Drills Clinic

The Basketball Skills & Drills Clinic was held on Saturday November 14. Fifty-two children participated as well as eight volunteer coaches who led players through various skills/drills stations. At the conclusion, former USA Olympic gold medalist in basketball, George Wilson spoke on the importance of practice, sportsmanship, and what it takes to play at the next level. Josh Monson mentioned the guest speaker said some unsavory comments related to referees and law enforcement. It was discussed and decided that Mr. George Wilson will no longer be allowed to speak at City events.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Monday, November 29, the Chamber Orchestra played Christmas music as families arrived. We had about 70 people in attendance. Kids met and had cookies with Santa, sang Christmas carols with the Viking Voices Choir & tree lighting by the Mayor.

Adult/Senior Programming

AARP Free Basic Tax Services - Early 2022 in the Community Center.

- **Personnel**

Darlene Scott was hired to work as a part-time Customer Service Representative. We are in the process of hiring another part-time Recreation Attendant.

Elaine Hanson has taken on a role in her family business and will be resigning from her position as the part time club rec advisor at the end of January.

The department is accepting applications for part-time custodian, customer service, parks maintenance and club rec advisor.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- **Community Center Holiday Hours**

The Community Center Holiday Hours are:

Christmas Eve - 9 AM – 5 PM (track & fitness ctr.)

Christmas Day - Closed

New Year's Eve - 9 AM – 5 PM (track & fitness ctr.)

New Year's Day – Closed

- **State Capital Projects Grant**

The City has applied for approximately \$192,000 in state capital grant money to revitalize the outdoor courts which would include a new surface, new basketball systems, tennis net systems, and transforming two of the existing tennis courts into four pickle ball courts.

- **Springdale Youth Boosters**

The Springdale Youth Boosters (SYB) recently found out their 501(c)(3) status had been revoked as a result of failure to file their annual 990 tax paperwork for the last three years. SYB plans to file Form 1023. The 1023 form is an Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Pending approval from the state, this would re-instate their tax exemption status that allows them to collect donations and raise funds to keep youth sports affordable in Springdale. The City has recommended they reapply to get their financial affairs in order and have a tax service handle their annual filings.

- **S.O.S.**

Donations will be accepted at the Health Department to help needy Springdale families for Christmas.

S.O.S. has sought out to assist 100 needy Springdale families this year. S.O.S. is also managing a food drive for our needy families. Mr. Wilson placed food donation bins in the Community Center lobby.

S.O.S. Santa 5K/1M Walk Fundraiser

On Saturday, December 4, at 9:00 AM. The Princeton Choir will perform. There will be pictures with Santa and cookies & cocoa after the race. \$15 per participant, register before November 28 to receive a free t-shirt. We will also have 501 legion of Authentic Star Wars characters at our event. All funds go to support the needy families in Springdale.

- **NEW Fitness Class - Zumba** – Takes place on Sundays at 2:00 PM. Cardiovascular and dance exercise classes.

- **Winter Youth Sports Pep Rally and Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame Induction**

Is scheduled for January 7th at 6:30 PM. We will need to make a decision whether to have the event or postpone it until next year due to restrictions on mass gatherings. Mayor Webster asked Rec Commission if they would like to nominate anyone for next year. Ken Broenner and Artie Little were nominated and will be discussed at our January meeting.

- a. Gary Neu
- b. Danny Price
- c. Marjorie Harlow
- d. Tommy Holmes

Motion was initiated by Mary Jane Brooks, and seconded by Rob Hormann. Mr. Wilson will reach out to the families to get their bios in youth sports and community involvement.

- **Mayors Report**

Mayor gave a brief update regarding City's stance with Tri-County Mall and some potential developments that will be going before a special planning commission meeting. He also gave updates on the old Sheraton Hotel site and Merchant St. apartment developments.