

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Tuesday, January 8, 2013, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Gene Burt, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that four weeks into the youth basketball season things are proceeding well. The cheerleaders are cheering for Springdale teams at their home games and will continue doing a couple of games each week through the remainder of the season. Youth Volleyball teams will open the season this coming weekend. Sharonville and Wyoming will be participating in the league again this year. All the winter sport teams will have picture day this coming Saturday.

Registration has begun for spring youth sports and will continue through the end of the month. After that date there is a late fee and placement on a team is not guaranteed. Promotional flyers and posters translated to Spanish will be distributed through the schools and key locations throughout the community. Mayor Webster suggested that the electronic message board be utilized to promote the sports registration and the upcoming Cinema Horse Races.

The winter adult racquetball league will begin next week. Currently there are 9 individuals registered. Entry has been opened up to non-residents who may participate if they pay the non-resident sport fee of \$25.

Women's Volleyball entries have been coming in slow, there are two teams registered and four more that have expressed an interest. Upon commitment from the remaining teams it is hoped that the league can begin January 16th. Mrs. Wright asked if it would be possible to start a co-ed volleyball league. Mr. Karle said that it would be possible to have one on Sunday evenings if there was sufficient interest. He suggested this year that it be offered as open (drop-in) volleyball to gauge the level of interest and if it is sufficient offer a league next winter.

Letters for the Golf League will be going out in the next few weeks. They will be playing at the Mill Course again this year.

- AARP has been busy training volunteers for their annual Free Tax Help program. One hour appointments are being scheduled for Friday's 9:30am – 1:30pm January 25th through April 12th

The *This and That* program offers an interesting program titled "Lessons from the Whoopee Cushion" on Thursday, January 10th. City of Springdale Nurse, Jean

Hicks will present a program on an important bodily function and how to keep everything moving in the right direction.

Seniors will take a stroll down the Las Vegas strip at their January 25th luncheon with entertainer Mike Pendell singing tunes by Sinatra, Martin, Elvis, etc.

The annual Travel Expo will take place on Thursday January 31st. There will be representatives from two tour groups, Provident Travel and Joy Tour and Travel as well as the Springdale Senior Citizens Club. There is everything from one day trips to 14 day cruises.

- Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker Fred Guthrie has accepted a fulltime position as a Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department. There also was an additional part-time Parks Maintenance Worker position budgeted for this year. The position has been posted and staff has been interviewing candidates.

The Recreation Programmer position has been advertised in the newspaper, Springdale website, and the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association website. In less than one week since it was posted there have been over 100 resumes submitted.

- Mr. Karle presented a draft Membership Policy for Active Duty Military that read: “The City of Springdale will grant a complimentary annual Community Center membership to any Springdale resident, their spouse and their dependent children who are serving full-time active duty in the military. Membership will be granted on an annual basis with verification of “Active Duty Orders” and proof of residency.” The Recreation Commission approved the policy and language as presented.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Springdale Youth Boosters will host their annual Cinema Horse Races on Saturday, February 23rd at 7:00pm. The first race begins at 8pm. The cost is \$6 per ticket. There will be door prizes, Texas Hold'em Poker, Split the Pot and Black Jack.
- There was discussion regarding a community special event for late summer. It was suggested that the event take place on a Saturday in late August or early September and that an attempt should be made to avoid conflicting major events in neighboring communities. Mr. Karle said he would research that issue for the February meeting.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) **Spring Youth Sports Registration** – through January 31st
- b) **Martin Luther King Day (1/21)** – open 1 – 9pm

