

Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Stephen Brooks, Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the February 2014 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball season is complete. Springdale had five league champions and three runner ups in league play and five tournament champions and 2 runner ups. The 9 – 11 year old volleyball teams finished 1st and 2nd in their league and are finished with the season. The 12 – 15 year olds are still competing in league play and will start their tournament March 16th. Registration continues for the spring youth sports with late sign-ups. There will be six spring soccer teams (same as last year) and five baseball teams are projected (down one from last year).

Springdale hosted a SAY Cincy Central Coaches Clinic on Saturday, March 1st. The two hour clinic taught SAY theory, philosophy and soft drills. The clinic was marketed to Springdale, Evendale, Sharonville, Wyoming, Finneytown, Glendale and Greenhills soccer programs. There were over twenty coaches in attendance.

Registration is also underway for the Men's Golf League and Mixed Couples Softball.

- AARP Income Tax Help is offered Fridays through April 11th. One hour appointments may be arranged by contacting the Community Center. The help is provided for individuals with simple federal and state returns.

The seniors enjoyed a Mardi Gras Luncheon on Thursday, February 27th. Po-Boy sandwiches, red beans & rice and dessert will be served while they are entertained with Dixieland and New Orleans style music. The March 18th luncheon features the chef from Hillandale Communities who not only will offer a tasty free lunch, but will demonstrate how to make the Crème Brulee dessert.

The Thursday This & That program will be celebrating national Women's History Month with a presentation from the Cincinnati Museum Center about women in Cincinnati history such as Ruth Lyons, Maria Longworth, Nellie Taft and Caroline Williams. The program will be March 13th at 2pm.

Just in time for opening day, Baseball Bingo will be offered on April 1st at noon. Traditional baseball snacks and hot dogs will be served.

- The Club Rec group presented their Winter Extreme Games – Fear Factor Edition on February 7th. Based off the game show, children participated in fear factor type games as well as other winter themed activities. There were 22 youths in attendance. They had a great time and there were no incidents to report.
- Mr. Karle noted that the department has an intern. Scott Foster is a former Community Center member and 18 year resident who will complete his Bachelors degree in Sports Management from Campbellsville University in May. He will be working in a number of different areas with nearly all of the administrative staff. We hope to expose him to a very broad base of experiences in the field.

Doug Kachele has been hired for Park Patrol. Mr. Kachele is a resident and member of the Community Center. He is also employed part-time as a Park Ranger with Hamilton County Parks.

Michelle Taylor has been hired as a Customer Service Assistant. She will replace Jackie Nunley who recently submitted her resignation.

Applications are being accepted for seasonal positions at the pool and in park maintenance.

- The date of Saturday, August 16th has been set for the Neighborhood Yards Sales and Saturday, September 13th for the Springdale Community Bash. As was discussed last year the shredding event will take place on a different date than the yard sales, but that date is yet to be determined.
- The youth boosters held their Cinema Horse Races on Saturday, February 22nd. They had over 200 people in attendance and experienced a net profit of \$2374. There were no problems to report.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Springdale Forest Park Lions Club has scheduled their pancake breakfast for Saturday, March 15th, 8am – noon. IHOP will again be sponsoring the event and the Club Rec group has agreed to assist with serving and bussing tables.
- During snow removal on February 5th, the Parks Department F550 dump caught fire and was a total loss. Staff is currently researching a replacement.

The vehicle access to Ross Park is currently closed. During a period of high water the surface sustained significant damage. Parks staff has begun repairs and hopes to have it open by early next week, weather permitting.

- Mr. Karle stated that the date of Saturday, May 3rd has been set for the opening day parade and ceremony. Mr. Dan Kennedy was approved for induction into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame. Mr. Kennedy was a youth booster, a coach in soccer and softball and served on the board of zoning appeals.
- There was considerable discussion on the Vikings Youth Sports program and the ramifications it would have to the recreational sports in Springdale. The organization recently received the endorsement of the Princeton School Board. There was concern that it may be viewed by parents and children as the preferred program if you desire to participate at the junior high or high school level. It was requested that Mr. Karle attempt to have a representative of the Vikings Youth Athletics at the April meeting as well as a member of the school board to give their perspective.