

**Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Daryl Dennie, Meghan Wisecup and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the January and February 2016 meetings were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball teams completed their season with tournament play the past weekend. Springdale teams did quite well with 3 teams finishing in first place and four finishing as runner up in the league as well as three teams tournament champs and three runner ups. Springdale hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls teams. Mr. Karle also shared with them that there were two incidents of poor behavior by parents during the tournament and the commission members discussed the challenges of fan behavior during games. In youth volleyball, one of the 9-11 year old teams was league champion and won all their matches. The 12-15 year old teams are still playing and will conclude with their end of season tournament in Sharonville on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Spring youth sports registration looks fairly good with 115 children enrolled at this point. It appears we will have 3 baseball teams, 2 t-ball teams and 5 possibly 6 spring soccer teams. This would be an increase of one team in baseball and one or two more in soccer as compared to last year.

There will be a free softball/baseball hitting clinic offered for children age 7 – 12 on March 6<sup>th</sup>. 15 minute private instruction sessions will be offered 1:30 – 2:30pm for softball and 2:30 – 4:30pm for baseball by coach Brian Honerlaw.

Registration continues for the Men's Golf League, Adult 6 on 6 Co-ed Soccer and registration for Co-ed Softball began today.

- Mr. Karle distributed copies of the Springdale Burt-Manis Men's Softball Tournament information packet. Charlie Wilson has been planning and putting the pieces in place for the men's softball tournament. The date was finalized with WSL Regional Director Bill Chard. He will be sending out the information to his WSL teams to promote the event. Charlie has also been working with Justin Stout to serve as umpire coordinator to oversee their activities during the tournament and to schedule the umpires. SYB will be selling concessions to include beer, grilled food and their normal concession items.
- The free AARP Income Tax Help continues each Friday morning through April 8<sup>th</sup>. Of the 430 available times slots, all but 50 have been filled.

The This & That program will present The Cincinnati Story – Part 1 on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The Cincinnati Museum Center's representative will highlight the people and events that have shaped Cincinnati from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup>. This very popular series is free of charge.

Seniors will enjoy a Boot Stomp-in Luncheon on March 24<sup>th</sup>. They can put on their

cowboy hats and boots and feast on a down home meal of pulled pork, baked beans and potato salad. They will then sit back and take in the Golden Girls of the West singing songs of the old west.

Technology 101 returns Saturdays in April. Participants can take advantage of this opportunity for private instruction on use of ipads, smart phones, notebooks, navigation, or other mobile devices. Appointments are 45 minutes each and can be arranged by contacting the Community Center. The cost is \$3.

- The new fitness classes that began last month have been doing very well. Silver Sneakers Flex, Barre Fit, and Butts & Guts have all had good numbers and have been experiencing growth.

A new class called Hip Hop Redefined began on Saturday. It has the same instructor as the very successful Hip Hop Fitness class that meets on Monday evenings.

The Fitness staff will be assisting the Police Department on March 12<sup>th</sup> with the police recruit testing. They will test the recruits on push-ups, sit-ups and the 1.5 mile run.

A new treadmill has been purchased for the Fitness Center. It replaces an eight year old unit that failed. It is the same model as the unit that was installed last year and was very well received by our members.

- Club Rec hosted their Winter Xtreme Games last month with 30 children in attendance. They enjoyed a variety of games and activities centered on the Hunger Games movie. The children were formed into districts, then displayed their skills at spear throwing (foam noodle), archery (foam tip arrows), and throwing a weighted ball (peeta). They played a game of tracker jacker tag where they used sticker dots to sting other district members. To prepare for survival, they used their camouflaging skills on cookies which of course were happily eaten. Finally they played Dodge-O-Copia where district members had to elude dodge balls to get their survival food (snack bags).

Later this month, Club Rec will assist the Lions Club at their pancake breakfast by serving and busing tables.

- Assistant Recreation Director Sharon Casselman will be retiring May 31<sup>st</sup> after 25 years of fulltime service for the City and 8 years as a seasonal employee in the position of Aquatics Director. Her skills, experience and knowledge have left an indelible mark on the department and the community. We will be conducting an internal search to fill the position. If a candidate is not found, a broader search will be initiated.

Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker applications are currently being accepted as well as seasonal Parks Maintenance and Lifeguard.

### **SYB Cinema Horse Races**

The Springdale Youth Boosters held their annual Cinema Horse Races on Saturday. As in the past, the event also included various Monte Carlo type games. There were 206 tickets sold and the boosters made roughly \$2,200 - \$2,500.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Primary Elections for three precincts in Springdale will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Auxiliary Gym.
- The Springdale Garden Club will host their High Tea event on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm.
- The Springdale-Forest Park Lions Club will offer their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 8am – noon. As in the past, the event will be sponsored by IHOP. The Club Rec group will be assisting by serving and bussing tables.
- The Community Center will be closed on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Easter Holiday.
- Mr. Dennie shared with the Commission the progress of the Citizens Advisory Panel. The panel had brought forth a number of potential reasons that children are not participating in youth sports in the numbers they use too. One of the theories is a lack of awareness of the Community Center and the fact that the number of memberships has also declined. To help validate their theories and to better understand what the residents of Springdale want and need in regard to recreation, they recommended conducting a survey of all the residents of Springdale. The survey will be sent out shortly after the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and as a motivation to participate all those who return their survey by May 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible for a free family pool membership. They also recommend waiving the requirement that participants obtain a Community Center membership for all children registering in the sports program for the first time for a period of one year. It is hoped that is recommendation can be implemented by the fall sports season.
- Mr. Brooks notified the Commission that he wanted to step back from his involvement in the Junior Olympics event. He said he would continue to assist with finding sponsors however.