

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 7, 2013

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

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the spring soccer season is progressing toward the end of the season on May 18th. Youth baseball games are scheduled through the end of June. Fortunately there have not been any home rainouts to this point in the season. There has been quite a bit of controversy between the Knothole Baseball of Greater Cincinnati and District 2. The administrators are making a number of changes to help districts that are in trouble, but those changes are not viewed as being in the best interest of District 2. The primary issue involves increasing the number of games scheduled and considerably longer travel to away games. These issues have many of the communities in District 2 considering breaking away from Knothole and forming their own league.

The Co-ed Softball League began play on April 23rd with five teams competing.

- Opening Day was celebrated by the seniors with an afternoon of Baseball Bingo and grilled hot dogs. There was considerable positive feedback after the event. Red's t-shirts, bags of peanuts and other items were given away as prizes.

The second workshop of the Retirement Ready series "Long Term Care" will be May 14th at 2pm and 7pm. Two different times are offered in an attempt to appeal to more adults and seniors.

The May luncheon will be "Lunch & Lawn Games on May 17th". There will be the typical picnic type food of hamburgers, baked beans and potato salad followed by old time favorite lawn games of croquet, badminton, ladder toss, bocce ball and a few board games for those less mobile.

Back by popular demand the seniors will play Wii Wheel of Fortune on May 28th

In partnership with the Springdale Garden Club, there will be a free Container Gardening workshop on June 6th. Many people live in apartments and condos or simply don't want the hassle of a big garden. Participants will learn how easy it is to grow a variety of veggies and herbs in a manageable container.

- The background check for the Recreation Programmer is complete and the candidate will move forward with a physical next week.

The newest member of our Park Patrol staff is George Iaboni. George worked in the department several years ago as a Fitness Instructor. He is employed fulltime at P&G and is a Springdale resident.

The open Customer Service position has been filled by longtime resident Beth Wells. She has experience in customer service and as an administrative assistant.

- The Opening Day Parade proceeded despite less than ideal weather conditions. The ceremony was moved inside to the Auxiliary Gym. Angela Drye, Bill Syfert and Rosie Rogers were inducted into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame.
- The annual Arbor Day Ceremony took place Friday, April 26th at Springdale Elementary School. Students were involved in the program singing songs and reading poems. A Ginkgo tree was planted on the school grounds and a proclamation was presented by Mayor Webster congratulating the City on its 21st year as a Tree City USA.
- The Third Grade Health Fair will take place at the Community Center on Thursday, May 16th, 8:15am – 1:45pm. There will be over twenty health related stations for children to explore. The fair is attended by children in the 3rd grade from the Princeton School District and area private schools. The fitness staff will, for the fifth consecutive year, have a booth concentrating on getting young children to have fun with fitness.
- Mr. Karle provided a detailed description of the activities planned for the September special event on Saturday, September 14th. The proposed name of the event is the Springdale ComeUnity Bash. The concept is to provide an event which will bring together the residents of Springdale for a day of family fun, music and social interaction. Local service organizations will be offered the opportunity to have a booth to sell concessions and share information on the services they provide.

Staff is planning an activity called the *Family Mud Quest* in advance of the *ComeUnity Bash*. There will be a series of obstacles or challenges for participants to overcome with several muddy features included.

Beginning at 3pm there will be several bands performing on stage on field #4. An effort will be made to provide entertainment that appeals to a wide variety of musical tastes. Field #3 will feature a variety of family entertainment opportunities including a circus act, giant games, a trackless train, petting zoo and pony rides.

Mayor Webster recommended the Recreation Commission convene on August 6th for a special meeting for Mr. Karle to review final plans for the Springdale ComeUnity Bash. That will be the only topic on the agenda.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The aquatic staff is in place, with the exception of the need to hire one more lifeguard. Staff orientation is scheduled for May 18th. The pool is scheduled to be filled on May 11th with the opening on May 25th.

Registration for swim lessons and swim team began on May 1st. Lessons begin on June 3rd. Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Goldfish Swim will be on Saturday, August 10th at 12noon.

Swim Team starts dry land practice on May 28th in the Auxiliary Gym. Regular practice begins June 3rd. Coach Amanda and Emily Weber are returning as Head Coach and Assistant Coach respectively. The coaches have many fun activities planned for the team including lunch with the coaches, a Sailfish Dive-In Movie and team outings to area restaurants. Meet the Coaches night is May 22nd. Parents in attendance that order and prepay for the team suit will receive a 25% suit discount and a free Sailfish swim cap. Fund raising events will include

a Burger Bash at Wendy's on June 26th, operation of the pool concession stand, and selling soft drinks and water at the September special event. The first meet is June 11th and championships are July 15th & 16th at Reading.

- There are two new pieces of equipment being introduced to the fitness members. Last week the TRX was introduced. TRX is a suspension system that incorporates the user's body weight into exercises and stretches. The piece is very popular in the fitness industry and is quickly becoming a favorite with our members. Next month staff will introduce kettle bells. They will be launched in the same way as the other new items with a tease campaign, introduction week, flyers, workout cards and exercise board. The great thing about the kettle bells is that they can also be utilized in the exercise classes.

There will be a new class called Rock Solid coming in June. Sam Gleason of the fitness staff will teach the class, and it will take place entirely outside. This class is unique in that the staff is trying to use as few "bought" equipment items as possible and is instead making the equipment themselves. Recently a new set of pull up bars were installed near the walking track near the sand volleyball courts. They have also made medicine balls, push-up bars, table sleds and garden hose ropes.

Coming up in July will be the third Teen Fit Class. The two previous classes have gone extremely well and the graduates have been utilizing the Fitness Center and acting in a very responsible and mature manner.

- The annual Bike Safety Program will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, May 18th, from 10am – 2pm. The Police, Fire and Recreation Departments participate in this event. The public will be offered the opportunity to have their bike registered by the Police Department to assist in recovery if lost or stolen. Free bike helmets will be available with registration. Personnel will be there to inspect bikes for safety problems and to perform simple repairs.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) 3rd Grade Health Fair – May 16th
- b) Bike Safety Program – May 18th
- c) Pool Opens – May 25th
- d) Memorial Day – May 27th SCC closed, Pool open 1pm – 5pm