

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2014**  
**7:00pm @ the Springdale Community Center**

- 1. Review of April Minutes**
- 2. Items of Old Business**
- 3. Items of New Business**
- 4. Mayors Report**

**Old Business**

**Vikings Youth Athletics**

**Sports Programming**

Fall Youth Soccer registration has begun and will continue through the end of the month for ages 4 and up.

The Co-ed Softball League is in its third week of play. There are six team entered this year.

**Club Rec**

Club Rec will assist with the Bike Safety program which will be offered on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. A program will be offered this summer called "City Service and U". Participants will have an opportunity to visit the various City departments and get a first hand view of what they do and where they work. It is hoped that the children will gain a greater understanding of how City services are delivered and the opportunities for careers in the public sector.

**Adult/Senior Programming**

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> will be a "Wii Afternoon". Seniors will have a choice of bowling, shuffleboard, golf, Wheel of Fortune or even wack-a-mole.

Seniors will meet at Eagle Tee Golf for a round of miniature golf on May 15<sup>th</sup>. They will play 18 holes then gather at the shelter for refreshments.

Senior can try their luck at another game of Chicken Foot, Mexican Train or Spinner as Dominoes Returns on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. There may even be a new surprise game offered.

The "This and That" series welcomes back the Cincinnati Preservation Society on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for their very popular program Cincinnati Memories – A Virtual Tour of Downtown Cincinnati. From the comfort of the Community Center you can step back in time to visit site such as Fountain Square, Dixie Terminal, City Hall, Finlay Market and Union Terminal. The tour features vintage and current photos of landmarks and highlights their historical significance.

Adults and senior can take advantage of an opportunity to learn about new technology and gadgets that have come into common use in our world with "Technology 101". The one on one 45 minute

instruction is customized to meet their needs and interests. They simply bring their device such as an Ipad, laptop, smart phone, kindle, etc. or utilize a computer in the Senior Lounge. The cost is a very reasonable \$3 per session. Appointments can be made by contacting the Community Center.

### **Arbor Day Ceremony**

Arbor Day was recognized with two ceremonies this year, one at Springdale Elementary and the other at Heritage Hill. At both ceremonies the students sang a wonderful series of songs related to trees. The Garden Club donated trees at both locations and the City was recognized for its status as a Tree City USA.

### **Opening Day Parade and Ceremony**

The Opening Day Parade and Ceremony took place on Saturday. The ceremony was able to be held outdoors in the amphitheater which certainly added to the festive atmosphere. The induction of Dan Kennedy into the Youth Sports Hall of Fame was postponed at the request of the family, due to prior commitments.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Health Fair**

The annual Third Grade Health Fair will take place on Friday 8:15am – 1:45pm. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes in the Princeton School District are invited as well as the local private schools. This program is a joint effort between the Springdale and Sharonville Health and Recreation Departments and the Princeton district nurse. There are over twenty booths sharing information on health and safety. As in the past, the Springdale fitness staff will sponsor a station promoting healthy bodies through physical activity. Please attend.

### **Aquatics**

The opening of the pool is fast approaching and staff has been busy hiring guards and preparing the facility. There are still several openings for lifeguard positions but there are enough to operate. There will be a number of new faces this year as a number of guards have graduated from high school or college and moved on to other opportunities. Both the Aquatics Director and Assistant are returning and bring a high level of maturity and experience to the leadership team.

The main and baby pools will boast a new paint job this year, (the first time since 2006). The project was completed this past week and we should be able to fill the pool in about one week as we allow the paint to cure.

Registration has begun for Swim Lesson and the Sailfish Swim Team. Meet the Coach Night is May 21<sup>st</sup>. All children and parents interested in the swim team are invited to attend. The Sailfish have their 1<sup>st</sup> dry land practice on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sharonville Ordinance Banning Registered Sex Offenders from Recreational Facilities**

At the April meeting Ms. Daniels mentioned that Sharonville was considering an ordinance banning registered sex offenders from recreational facilities. Mr. Karle contacted their Director and she said the ordinance had in fact passed and that it barred registered sex offenders from membership or to be present at the Community Center or pool. They are utilizing a computer software that interfaces with Rec Trac to run the search of their database periodically and each time a person comes in the

facility their membership card, drivers license or school ID is scanned. They would not be checking people attending events like basketball games or private meeting or parties. There was not any specific event which prompted the ordinance. It was suggested by their new Safety Service Director who is familiar with such ordinances in communities in northern Ohio.

### **Request to Conduct Sharonville Eagles Football Registration at Community Center**

Late last week a request was forwarded to allow the Sharonville Eagles Football program to set up a table in the Community Center on a Saturday in late May to register children for football and cheerleading. Mr. Townsend of their organization noted that about 1/3 of their players are from Springdale and a number of parents serve as coaches and on their board. He further states that in exchange for this support they would like to involve the parents and players in volunteer opportunities or beautification projects in the community.

## **New Business**

### **Upcoming Dates of Interest**

- a) 3rd Grade Health Fair – May 9th
- b) Pool Opens – May 24<sup>th</sup>
- c) Memorial Day – May 26<sup>th</sup> SCC closed, Pool open 1pm – 5pm