

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 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 October 2013 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the fall soccer season was complete. The boys and girls passers each finished as runner-up in their league. The basketball teams are formed and practices have begun for children kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration continues for junior high and high school as well as to fill any remaining open roster spots. It is projected that there will be 17 or 18 teams. Currently there are 128 children registered. Youth Volleyball is projected to have four teams and currently there are 37 children registered. Cheerleading has 13 girls registered and is still accepting registrations.

The Adult Racquetball and Women's Volleyball registration has begun.

- The department hosted the Hamilton County Chair Volleyball End of Season Social on October 23rd. Over 100 players from throughout the county enjoyed games, snacks and refreshments.

The final Retirement Ready Workshop "Caring for Loved Ones in Unique Circumstances" will be October 12th at either 2pm or 7pm. The program is free and registration is open through November 11th.

AARP Drivers Safety Class will be offered November 14th, 11am – 3:30pm. The refresher class is for drivers 50 and over. The cost is \$12 and registration is open through November 11th.

The Giving Tree will once again be set up in the lobby of the Community Center during the holiday season. Anyone who would like to pick an ornament and purchase a gift for a less fortunate child can help support the SOS organization in their annual effort.

The Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon will be held December 6th at Vincenzo's. The musical entertainment of Ricky Nye will be provided through the Creative Aging membership. The cost is \$14 for SCC members and \$16 for guests. Registration is open through November 29th.

- Mr. Karle provided a recap of the September community special event. The Family Mud Quest was held as a prelude to the Community Bash on September 14th. It was designed as a non-competitive, family oriented event with 10 obstacles over a ½ mile course. There were 75 participants ages 5 and over. Half the participants started at 1pm and the other half at 2pm with many returning for a second run. There were no injuries reported and many positive comments were received.

The Community Bash also went very well. There was a very manageable crowd in attendance. The Big Show and petting zoo were extremely popular. The service groups reported excellent sales and had a positive experience. The bands performed well and the stage on the field seemed to work. We have learned quite a bit about balloons and balloon glows and would like to try it again. Those in attendance appeared to enjoy the activities and there were no significant incidents or injuries.

The Commission members were asked to provide comments on the event and suggestions for next year. Ms. Wright suggested that next year there be more activities that appeal to younger teens, perhaps a dance machine. The idea of a scavenger hunt or obstacle course was also offered. Ms. Daniels noted that the line for the face painter was quite long and recommended more of them for next year. She also suggested that an attempt be made to provide more diversity in the bands to broaden the appeal to the public. Mr. Karle explained some of the issues with the balloon glow and challenges to make it happen. It was suggested that it be offered again but there should be additional research into how other communities present balloon glows. Everyone seemed satisfied with the concessions available. It was decided that next year the opportunity for a booth be offered to local churches as long as they did not sell a competing product. The date for the Community Bash was acceptable and the Commission recommended a similar time frame after checking with potential conflicting events in neighboring communities.

- The Springdale Chamber of Commerce annual Business and Community Expo took place at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 29th. Area Business and City departments were represented and provided information to the public about their services. There was also a chili cook off and corn hole competition included. That same day the Springdale Health Department hosted their Health Fair and Flu Clinic in the Auxiliary Gym. In addition to flu shots there were blood pressure and glucose screenings available.
- The annual children's Halloween party was held Sunday, October 27th. It was renamed *Monster Mania* and included some new activities and games. There was the traditional costume contest and new this year Club Rec hosted a haunted room appropriate for the age group involved. There were approximately 80 children who attended as well as their parents.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Barb Post recently resigned her position as Part-time Secretary after 16 years of service. Customer Service Assistant Sandy Burt will assume that position.
- A new six week Zumba class has been offered on a trial basis called Zumba Sentao on Wednesdays, 7:05 – 8:05. By transforming a chair into a sizzling dance partner the program strengthens your core, burns calories and sculpts muscles. We will also try Zumba Gold (chair Zumba for seniors) during the November 12th Life class. If it is well received it may be added to the schedule.

Ballet with Ms. Dena has added a teen class. It is offered on Sunday afternoons 1:30pm – 2:15pm.

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association announced last week that the “Teen Fit” program has received 1st place in the Health and Wellness category in their 2013 Awards of Excellence. The award will be presented at the annual conference in February.

- The Veteran’s Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 11th at 1pm. The guest speaker will be Larry Dupree of “Bugles Across America.” The Springdale Elementary 4th grade will be singing the National Anthem and other patriotic song as part of the ceremony.
- The annual Springdale Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Monday, December 2nd at 7:30pm. The elementary school will sing carols and there will be an appearance by Santa. Refreshments and treats will be served.
- The Parks and Recreation Department experienced a zero loss year in 2012 and will be recognized by MVRMA. The full time staff will be treated to a free lunch at Ponderosa on November 18th.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th, 1pm**
- b) Thanksgiving Day – November 28th, closed**
- c) Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 2nd, 7:30pm**