

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Tuesday, October 7, 2014, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Gene Burt and Carmen Daniels. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the September 2014 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated the fall soccer season is progressing well. The regular season ends on October 25th. Late registrations for youth basketball, volleyball and cheerleading are now being accepted.

The NRBL had a meeting and it is now apparent that there will not be enough teams to maintain the basketball league. Wyoming and Sharonville have already exited and it is anticipated that Evendale will soon make the move. At this point it appears there is no alternative but to move forward to the new league. Staff will make every effort communicate to the coaches, officials and parents on the new rules and structure of this league. The program will be closely monitored and evaluated after the season.

The youth boosters reported profits of \$218 from the Junior Olympics and \$898 from the Community Bash

- Active Aging Week was a big success with over 230 seniors in attendance for the ten events that ran from Monday September 24th to Friday, September 26th. The week culminated with and Active Aging Social on Friday for anyone who participated in at least four events. There were many new faces along with the regulars throughout the week and everyone seemed to enjoy the variety of activities offered.

Next Tuesday, October 14th, Springdale's Gone Wild will present "Spooky Creatures". Great Parks of Hamilton County Naturalists will bring creepy creatures to the Community Center to share with those in attendance. These scary insects and animals can be found in our local parks.

Special bingo games featuring ghosts, goblins, bats and witches will be featured in the Halloween Bingo event on October 17th. Festive snacks and refreshment will be provided.

It's October and time to celebrate Oktoberfest at the senior luncheon on Thursday, October 30th. The menu includes kielbasa with sauerkraut, German potato salad and, of course, German chocolate cake. The entertainment will be Laura Hazelbaker with a special Oktoberfest program.

- There were approximately 100 participants in the Junior Olympics on September 6th.

Each child received a Frisbee and water bottle.

- The weather was very nice for the Community Bash again this year. As usual, the circus acts were very popular, and the climbing wall had a waiting line all day. There was very positive feedback on the three bands, and it appeared that there were more people in that area watching their performances than last year. The petting zoo featured a camel and baby kangaroo and drew a lot of interest from families. The balloon glow was much improved over last year with six balloons lighting up the night sky.

The Family Mud Quest was a big hit again this year with over 100 people participating. The ½ mile course had a few changes and they appeared to be well received based on the feedback.

- John Coulson has been hired to fill the vacant Park Patrol position. He is currently employed part-time as a Park Guard for Sharonville Parks and Recreation. In that position, he patrols the outside parks to maintain safety and security. Mr. Coulson is a Princeton graduate and in his 2nd year at the University of Cincinnati majoring in Criminal Justice.

Eric Britton has been hired to fill the vacant Part-time Parks Maintenance position. He has been a seasonal maintenance worker for the City of Sharonville for the past three years with both the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- **Monster Mania (Halloween Party)** will take place on Sunday, October 26th 3 – 5pm. There will be games, activities, a costume contest, treats and a haunted house presented by Club Rec. The event is free of charge and open to children age 2 through 4th grade.
- The annual **Business and Community Expo** will be Tuesday, October 21st 11am – 2pm. Area businesses, community organizations and City departments will be showcased in the main gyms. As they have had in the past, there will be a chili cook off with contestants from City Departments and local restaurants. In the Auxiliary Gym, the health department will conduct a flu clinic and other health related tests and exams.
- The **Veterans Day ceremony** will take place on Tuesday, November 11th at 1pm. The Springdale Elementary students participate and staff is still working on a guest speaker.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) **Monster Mania** – Sunday, October 26th 3pm – 5pm
- b) **Business & Community Expo/Flu Clinic**– Tuesday, October 21st
- c) **Election** – Nov. 4th

