

**Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Tuesday, September 6, 2016, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Sharon Casselman, Daryl Dennie, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle and Recreation Programmer, John Wagner.

Minutes from the May 2016 meeting were approved.

Mr. Karle introduced Mr. John Wagner as the new Recreation Programmer in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Wagner is a graduate of the University of Toledo with a degree in Recreation & Leisure Studies and a minor in Business Administration. He was previously employed with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati – R.C. Durr Branch in Burlington, Kentucky where he served as Sports Director. Mr. Wagner began his employment on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the spring youth sports season went well. The boys wings team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in league play and runner up in the post season tournament. Fall soccer games begin this evening. This year there are 5 SAY teams and 2 instructional teams, which is an increase of 1 team from last season. Registration for youth basketball, volleyball and cheerleading began on September 1<sup>st</sup>. This will probably be the last year for the volleyball program in its present format. Wyoming and Sharonville are both planning to join the Cinti. Premier organization that oversees the youth basketball program which will compel us to follow suit. The Premier organization has expanded into volleyball and have a significant number of teams in greater Cincinnati. The major change in the program will be that the season will be moved from a winter to a fall sport.

The Men's Golf League completed their season and their post season awards dinner will be Wednesday evening.

- The summer has been filled with interesting and fun activities for adults and seniors including craft programs, luncheons and wildlife programs.

Pickleball has become a big hit with the seniors. They started playing indoors but in response to numerous requests to play outdoors, the Parks Maintenance crew created a court on the multi-purpose court. The courts are available at any time, but Mondays at 1pm has been set aside for regular pickup games. This past week there were 16 seniors who came to play. Mr. Karle passed around photos of the new pickleball court.

Active Aging Week returns September 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> celebrating active adults age 50 & over and promoting the benefits of leading an active and healthy lifestyle. There will be wide ranging activities each day to stimulate the mind, body and spirit followed by a social on Friday.

The "This & That" series presents Color Your Day on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Seniors will learn first hand the benefits of coloring which is becoming a popular form of stress relief and keep your mind lively and healthy.

Ms. Casselman noted that the now closed Sycamore Senior Center website has links to senior programming at Blue Ash and Sharonville but does not list Springdale's information. Mr. Karle stated that he had discussed including Springdale's information on the site with Joshua Howard of Maple

Knoll, and they had agreed to post our information as well as the Inside Scoop literature. Mr. Karle said he would look into it and report back at the next meeting.

- The pool was very well attended this summer due in large part to the warm and humid weather. Attendance for the summer was 6401 which is approximately 700 more than last year. There were no significant injuries or incidents to report and mechanically with the exception of replacing two small pumps operationally it was a very good season. There were three special events at the pool during the summer which were all well attended. A Dive-In Movie in early July attracted approximately 40 youth, followed by a Family Fun Day with 118 in attendance. The traditional end of season Goldfish Swim brought out 118 people. Unfortunately, both the Aquatics Director and Assistant Aquatics Director have notified us that they do not plan to return next season. Both individuals have been working together the past four years and have provided outstanding leadership to our aquatics staff for which we are very grateful.

Swim lessons were very popular again this year with 298 swimmers enrolled including 11 adults. Cardio Splash and Aqua Arthritis classes were held again this summer. Each of the 3 sessions consisted of 4 classes averaging 10 people in attendance.

The Sail Fish Swim team had approximately 75 swimmers this year. The team had a wealth of young swimmers which bodes well for their future. They will be looking for a new coach next season as Amanda Weber will be moving to northern Ohio.

- The open Part-time Secretary position was filled this summer by Jeri Kinsler. She recently retired from a career with the Hamilton County Jobs & Family Services as an accountant.

Customer Service Assistant, Brooke Singleton resigned in July as she plans to return to college. Pamela Phillips was hired to fill that position. She has served in several customer service positions within the health care industry and is currently completing her education to begin a career as an occupational therapy assistant.

A candidate has been identified to fill the open Park Patrol position and is currently in the background check process.

- Ballet with Tippi Toes will begin classes this month. Baby Ballet (2 – 3 yr. olds) will be Tuesdays at 4pm and Ballet, Tap & Jazz (4 – 7 yr. olds) Thursdays at 4pm. Both classes have demos this week and recitals in the spring.

There are two excellent, free, fitness classes now offered. Butts and Guts is Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Boot Camp will be on Mondays at 5:30pm beginning Monday.

- Unfortunately, despite the staff's best efforts, there were not enough teams interested to host the Burt-Manis Men's Softball Tournament. Only 3 teams registered.
- The Neighborhood Yard Sales event was held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. 9am – 2pm. Residents were encouraged to participate to hold a yard sale at their home on that date. The yard sale event was advertised via email, on facebook, craigslist, posters, the newspaper and street banner.
- Royal Document Destruction had their mobile shredding unit at the Community Center on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. They collected 6150lbs. of material which was all recycled.

- The annual Junior Olympic took place Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Boys and girls age 10 & under competed in eight fun events. There were 98 children who participated, which is down about 15 from last year, but up from 2014.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Plans are in place for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual ComeUnity Bash on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The activities are similar to last year's event with the exception of one new band and a couple of additional activities. Most of the same service groups are returning with the addition of the cub scouts and girl scouts. Also as in the past, the Family Mud Quest will precede the ComeUnity Bash at 1pm. The ½ mile course will feature a series for fun, sloppy and muddy challenges. Registration for the Mudquest did fill up again with 120 individuals accepting the challenge.
- The Community Center tennis and basketball court restoration project will begin in late September. The 44 year old tennis court fence will be replaced with new black vinyl coated fencing. Shortly thereafter both the tennis and basketball courts will have cracks and low spots repaired and new color coated surfacing applied.
- It is planned that the auxiliary gym HVAC units will be replaced this fall. Both existing units are over 30 years old and have had numerous maintenance issues in recent years. The units sit on a raised platform on the side of the gym. The new units are larger in dimension so the platform will need to be expanded. The engineering work for expanding the platforms is underway. And it is hoped that the project will be completed this fall.
- It is planned that the walking path asphalt overlay project will be put out to bid early in 2017. Quotes were obtained this summer and they came in much higher than anticipated. It is hoped that a bid opening early in the year will be more competitive as contractors are lining up their projects for the year.
- Mr. Karle shared a request received from the Eagles Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization to host a fundraising event at the Community Center. What they propose is not consistent with our policy and practice of having fund raising events for only Springdale community organizations. The Recreation Commission declined the request. Mr. Karle will notify the Eagles Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization of the decision.
- Ms. Casselman asked about the status of the proposed departmental program guide and new resident guide that were recommended by the CAP committee. Mr. Karle stated that a rough copy of the new resident guide has been provided to the City Administrator for his feedback. It will require each of the City's departments to update their pertinent information. The departmental program guide will be included in the 2017 budget and, pending its approval, it is hoped that it would be mailed to the residents in the spring in advance of the pool season. Ms. Casselman also suggested that the department host an open house for residents shortly after the program guide is distributed to enhance its impact.
- Mr. Brooks noted the prevalence of roof leaks and inquired as to what actions were being taken to address them. Mr. Karle responded that leaks in the flat roofs of the Community Center have been a persistent problem and one that is somewhat inherent to this style of roof. Staff routinely attempts to locate leaks and patch and seal them and when necessary roofing contractors have been employed to address more significant issues. The five year budget will include recommendations to incrementally replace older portions of the roof that have deteriorated.