

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

Tuesday, April 7, 2015, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steve Brooks, Carmen Daniels and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the March 2015 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball and volleyball seasons are complete, and we are moving on to spring activities. The basketball administrator has indicated that he reconsidered the issue of the trophies and would be providing them for the 1<sup>st</sup> place league teams. Charlie Wilson is meeting with him today to go over this and other concerns with the league. As usual the Springdale volleyball teams performed very well this season. Coach Williams's 9 – 11year olds were league champs and Coach Snider's 12 – 15 year olds were league and tournament champions. Soccer and baseball teams are beginning to practice preparing for the start of their season. Soccer begins April 11<sup>th</sup>, baseball April 18<sup>th</sup>, and T-ball April 25<sup>th</sup>. There are 109 children participating on four soccer teams, two baseball teams and two t-ball teams. John Morrell donated 115 Reds tickets for tonight's game. They are being distributed to soccer and baseball teams and coaches any left over tickets will be available for parents and additional chaperones.

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The youth boosters reported a profit of \$2400 at the Cinema Horse Race fundraiser. They are also in the early planning stage of a Father-Daughter dance targeted for mid October.

The Men's Golf League has grown to twelve teams and increase of two teams this year. They will be playing at the Mill Course again this year beginning Wednesday. Additionally, registration is ongoing for the Co-ed Softball league.

- AARP free Income Tax Help Program concludes on Friday.

It's spring and the Reds opened the season with a win and to keep the spirit moving forward, the seniors will be playing baseball bingo on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Of course hotdogs, peanuts and Cracker Jacks will be offered.

The Thursday's "This and That" program is featuring "*What's New at the Cincinnati Zoo*" on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The presenter will share the changes at the zoo over the past 15 years with new animals, programs, exhibits and buildings. The first part of this two-part series attracted over 30 seniors to the presentation in March.

- Hip Hop Kids started on March 7<sup>th</sup> and has had a successful launch. More kids than expected have been signed up, and it is hoped that the trend continues.

Fitness Center Manager, Jay Dennis will be teaching a new class called "Better Balance" every Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30am. The class will focus on increasing balance and reducing the risk of falls. The free class will include a simple balance test, balance and endurance exercises, along with some posture and stretching work.

Butts 'n Guts started on March 4<sup>th</sup> and the attendance has been very good. The first class was held during a snow storm but still attracted 10 hardy souls. The subsequent classes have averaged 15 participants.

Mr. Karle stated that he was very happy to announce that the Community Center has been selected as a host site for SilverSneakers Flex. For many years we have applied unsuccessfully to be a host site for Silver Sneakers. We recently became aware of the Flex program and are now one of only nine host sites in the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana area. The program offers yoga, strength, cardio, boot camp and other options. The instructor will be Elaine Lange, a previous fitness staff member who is certified through the program. The great thing about the nationally recognized SilverSneakers program is that it is free to Medicare members and offered at a low cost to non-Medicare members.

- Custodian, Bob Bacik retired on March 31<sup>st</sup>. His replacement Paul Vosseberg also began on that date and has done a fine job in his short time with us. Mr. Vosseberg had a 21 year career as a firefighter/EMT for Miami Township. He then went into business rehabbing home for a number of years. Before joining the Recreation Department, he worked for TDG Facilities Maintenance where he served as a fulltime Custodian at LaSalle High School. We are confident that he has the experience and personality traits to be successful in his new position.

The open Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker position has been filled by Robb Beetz. Mr. Beetz has worked part-time for several years in the Springdale Public Works Department. He will bring a solid skill set and should be able to hit the ground running in the Parks Department.

Applications are still being accepted for the seasonal positions of Gate Attendant and Lifeguard with a few opening to fill.

- The annual Opening Day Parade and Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 2nd. The parade will stage at Value City at 9:00am, progress via the normal route to the Community Center where a ceremony will follow. Two individuals will be inducted into the Youth Sport Memorial Hall of Fame, Dan Kennedy and Wanda Price.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The billiard players had outgrown their space and last week they moved into a new room. The Arts and Crafts Room has been transformed into the new Adult Billiard Room. The room was painted and carpeting installed. The old billiard room will now become a small reservable meeting room space. The Kids Corner room has also been set up to handle parties and/or meeting. This room makes an ideal place for children's or youth team parties and arts and crafts activities.
- The Greater Springdale Jaycees hosted their annual Easter Egg at Ross Park on Saturday. They had the usual enthusiastic crowd of youngsters and their parents.
- Arbor Day this year will be recognized with two ceremonies on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The first will be at Heritage Hill Elementary at 10:15am and Springdale Elementary at 1:00pm. The Springdale Garden Club will be donating a tree for planting at each location and there will be recognition of Springdale's status as a Tree City USA.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Health fair will take place this year on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Third graders from public and private schools throughout the Princeton School District will have the opportunity to visit a number booths promoting healthy living. The department will be represented by our fitness team who present a station encouraging health through exercise.