

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

Tuesday, April 7, 2016, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were: Steven Brooks Daryl Dennie and Doug Stahlgren. Also present was Recreation Director, Greg Karle.

Minutes from the March 2016 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that in youth volleyball, one of the 9-11 year old teams was league champion and won all their matches. The two 12-15 year old teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in both league and tournament play. Spring youth sports registrations are up this year with 139 children enrolled. There will be 2 baseball teams, one coach's pitch, 2 t-ball teams, 5 spring soccer teams and for the first time in 8 years, a girl's softball team. This is an increase of 3 teams and 29 children over 2015. Soccer games begin this week, baseball on April 16<sup>th</sup>, softball April 24<sup>th</sup>, coaches pitch and t-ball on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The free hitting clinic last month went well with all 12 sessions filled. Next year they will look to expand. Spring sports teams pictures will be on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Women's Volleyball league will wrap up their season with a tournament on Wednesday evening. There were not enough teams to have the 6 on 6 Co-ed Soccer League, only two teams signed up. Registration continues for the Men's Golf League and Co-ed Softball.

The plans are in place for the Burt-Manis Men's Softball Tournament on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Registrations should begin to come in as we get closer to the date.

#### CAP

The survey questionnaires should be arriving in homes. The department has already received 15 responses.

#### Club Rec

Club Rec assisted the Lions club with their annual Pancake Breakfast in March. Plans are now underway for their Superstitious Party on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. They will learn about superstitions and participate in activities to change their luck. Snacks and refreshments are provided.

- The free AARP Income Tax Help continues each Friday morning through April 8<sup>th</sup>. All of the 430 available times slots have been filled.

Thirty seniors were present for the Boot Stompin' Luncheon in March. Everyone joined in singing some old favorite cowboy songs and enjoyed a pulled pork lunch.

Seniors were ready for spring with their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Baseball Bingo this afternoon. They played baseball themed bingo games while enjoying Cracker Jacks, peanuts, hot dogs and ice cold lemonade.

Technology 101's ten time slots have been booked for each Saturday in April.

The This & That program will present the second half of The Cincinnati Story on

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Cincinnati Museum Center will continue the story into the 20<sup>th</sup> century as the city responds to two world wars, the depression, a changing world economy and all that made Cincinnati what it is today.

- Two applications were received for the Assistant Recreation Director position as a result of the internal posting. Interviews were conducted and it was decided that Recreation Programmer Charlie Wilson will be promoted to Assistant Recreation Director effective April 30<sup>th</sup>. The search process will begin soon to fill the Recreation Programmer position.

The Part-time Parks Maintenance position was filled by Glen White. He has had experience with carpentry, minor electrical repairs, operating numerous pieces of heavy equipment and has a HVAC certification.

Part-time Secretary, Beth Wells recently resigned. Applications are now being accepted for this position.

Applications are still being accepted for Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions.

- The employment process has been ongoing for the aquatics staff. All 4 Gate attendants and 15 of the needed 17 Lifeguard positions have been filled. Pre-season pool work will begin in mid April by the Aquatics Director and Assistant Aquatics Director.

Sailfish Swim Team and swim lesson registration begins May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- The Greater Springdale Jaycees continued a long tradition of hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Ross Park on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. They had the usual large crowd of excited children.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Parks Maintenance crew and Custodian screen sanded and coated the hardwood floor in the Studio in late March. The classes were moved to the Auxiliary Gym for several days. This project was completed at a considerable cost savings by having the staff provide the labor as opposed to contracting out the resurfacing. Mr. Karle passed around photos of the completed project.
- The annual Arbor Day ceremonies will take place on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Hill Elementary at 11:10am and at Springdale Elementary at 1pm.
- The annual Third Grade Health Fair will take place on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes in the Princeton School District are invited as well as the local private schools. There are over twenty booths sharing information on health and safety. This is a joint effort by the Springdale and Sharonville Recreation Departments, the Springdale Health Department and the Princeton School District nurse
- Mayor Webster indicated that the Springdale-Forest Park Lions Club will provide financial support in sponsoring the Monster Mania Halloween Carnival this fall.

