

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Sharon Casselman, Daryl Dennie, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle said that registrations are still being accepted for a limited number of openings on spring youth sports teams. This year there will be 6 spring soccer teams, 2 baseball, one coach-pitch and 2 t-ball teams. Unfortunately there will not be a girl's softball team. Only seven children registered, but they were offered opportunities on other spring sports teams or were placed on teams in neighboring communities. There are a total of 119 children participating on the spring recreational teams. Additionally there will be one select baseball team playing out of Springdale. Soccer games began last weekend, Knothole starts in mid April and coach-pitch and t-ball in late April.

The Women's Volleyball League completed their season with a tournament and party on March 22nd. The Men's Golf League filled up this year with a full compliment of 12 teams. They begin play on Wednesday. Registration has begun for Co-ed Softball. Marketing went out to 30 Springdale businesses in hopes of generating interest from that portion of our community.

Staff has also been working with the Vineyard Church and the Health Department on the Spring Sports Camp that will take place the week of April 10th.

Ms. Casselman noted that the City Newsletter indicated that the fall youth soccer league divisions would be determined by grade level. But did not say whether it is their current grade or the grade the child will be in this fall. Mr. Karle agreed that it may raise some questions and said he would attempt to clarify.

- Adult/Senior programmer Donna Lanter and Fitness Center Manager Jay Dennis met with residents of Baldwin Grove to share with them some of the opportunities offered by the department. Since that meeting several new members from that community have joined. They did receive feedback from the residents that transportation continues to be a major challenge.

A meeting was held in March soliciting ideas for new adult and senior programs. As a result, several new programs are being planned. Book Club will be meeting Sunday evenings, Canasta will be meeting Wednesday afternoons, Corn Hole returns Tuesday afternoons and Needlework is still in the planning stage.

The March 20th "First Day of Spring Luncheon" was attended by 36 of our seniors as well as Cincinnati's Creative Aging representative Lisa Legters and Ohio Representative Jonathan Dever. Both guests must have enjoyed the event as they both posted it on their face book pages.

The Technology 101 classes were all filled with a total of 12 individuals taking advantage of the opportunity.

The annual Baseball Bingo took place this afternoon. Over fifty seniors enjoyed baseball themed bingo games as well as hot dogs, peanuts and lemonade.

The This & That program for this month also has a baseball theme. A representative from the Cincinnati Museum Center will present "Crosley Field Remembered" on April 13th. They will reminisce about the 1919 and 1940 championships and the 1960's as the fans favorites Pete Rose, Johnny Bench and Tony Perez were just starting their careers.

Springdale's Gone Wild will present a program titled "Is That a Rat" on April 5th. A naturalist from Great Parks of Hamilton County will discuss wild rodents who live in the area such as squirrels, rats, mice and their cousins. She will also be bringing some rodents along for people to observe close up.

- Line Dancing will be returning. The eight week program is on Tuesdays, 1 – 2pm, March 7th – April 25th.
- The Part-time Parks Maintenance position has been filled by a local resident named Michael Carroll.

The Part-time Fitness Instructor position has been filled by a local resident and member Casey Collins. Ms. Collins is a graduate of Miami University with a degree in Kinesiology and Health. She has experience working at Miami's fitness center and as a nutrition intern with a hospital.

The Aquatics Director position will be filled by current employee Sharon Brooks and an individual has been selected for the Asst. Aquatics Director position who is currently in the background check process. It is hoped that the final Lifeguard position will be filled this week.

Two of four Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions have been filled and there is still an opening for a Customer Service Assistant.

- The Community Center racquetball roof and a 500 sqft area of existing roof were replaced. The contractor completed the project last week.

The Community Center Walking Path Overlay and Repair Project is scheduled to begin on April 10th. They anticipate completion within one week depending on the weather.

The project to resurface the tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts at the Community Center should begin in mid April depending on the weather and temperature. They require temperatures above 40 degrees for crack repairs and over 50 degrees for the application of the surfacing.

Gel coat repairs and buffing was recently completed by a contractor on the swimming pool slide. They did an outstanding job in helping us maintain the safety and appearance of the slide which is approximately 20 years old.

- The staff is in the process of creating the program guide. It is planned to be in the homes in mid to late May. Along with the program guide, an open house is planned on the weekend of June 3rd and 4th in which Springdale residents will be offered a tour of the facilities and a free day use of the Community Center and pool.

Matt Beaty will be attending the Humana Health Fair to provide information on facilities and membership to the Community Center on Thursday.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Greater Springdale Jaycees will present their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ross Park on Saturday, April 15th at noon.
- The City will recognize Arbor Day with ceremonies at Heritage Hill Elementary School at 11:15am and Springdale Elementary at 1pm. The children will sing songs related to trees and the Mayor will present a proclamation recognizing Springdale as a Tree City USA. The Springdale Garden Club donates a tree to be planted at each school. This will be the 25th year of Springdale's Tree City designation.
- A request has been received from Brandis Ewing/Jackson of the Springdale Elementary PTA to conduct their Color Run on the outdoor track on Saturday, May 20th. They will provide the required insurance coverage and will include a waiver of liability that includes the City of Springdale. Mr. Karle added that this event happened in May of 2016 and there were no problems or issues. The request for use of the Community Center walking track for the purpose of a color run presented by the Springdale Elementary PTA was approved.
- Mayor Webster updated the commission on the hotel demolition stating that they plan to begin work on April 17th and complete the project within 100 days. He also explained in detail the street program for the City.