

Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Daryl Dennie, Rob Hormann, Doug Stahlgren and Michelle Miller. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the March 2018 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the youth baseball, softball, and spring soccer teams are formed and have been practicing. Soccer games begin on April 7, baseball and softball April 14, and coach pitch and t-ball on April 21. There is a total of eleven youth teams this spring (same as 2017), with 133 children participating as compared to 120 in 2017.

The Women's Volleyball League completed their season with a round-robin tournament on March 21. The teams brought food and refreshments and had a nice social gathering to end the season. The Men's Golf League has 20 golfers and will begin play at the Mill Course on April 4. Registration continues for Adult Co-ed Softball. Games are played Tuesday evenings, May through July.

The Sports Camp at Heritage Hill Elementary took place last week Monday through Thursday. There were over 120 children each day participating in the soccer and basketball drills and games. Weather forced activities indoors Tuesday through Thursday, but activities continued as planned. Thursday featured a family celebration. Anthony Munoz spoke to the children and players from FC Cincinnati were there two days helping with the soccer activities. This event was sponsored by the Vineyard Church in cooperation with the Health Department, Heritage Hill School, and the Recreation Department as well as many community partners, particularly Humana who provided over 30 -50 volunteers each day. All the children went home with a soccer ball.

- Seniors will be getting ready for spring with their annual Baseball Bingo on Wednesday April 4. They will play baseball themed bingo games while enjoying peanuts, hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cold lemonade.

The This & That program will present the, "Secret lives of Birds" on Thursday, April 12 at 1pm. A Great Parks of Hamilton County naturalist will describe how far birds will go to carry on the next generation, territorial wars, nest building, and their wild relationships.

- Balance for Life will return on April 6. It is an eight week exercise class for older adults designed to help those with balance issues and prevent falls. It will be each Friday, at 11am and is free of charge.

The fitness staff will be assisting the Police Department on Saturday, April 7 with their police recruitment physical fitness testing.

- Cynthia Williams has filled the open part-time Customer Service Assistant position, and her first day will be tomorrow. She is a Springdale resident, retired from a career as a Registered Nurse and a Clinical Instructor of behavioral health at Northern Kentucky University.

Applications are being accepted for the part-time Fitness Instructor position

The four Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions have been filled.

There is still one opening for a Lifeguard position, but the pool is adequately staffed with 16 guards.

- JC Events continued a long tradition of hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Ross Park on Saturday, March 31, at noon. The event was, as usual, well attended and this year very muddy as well.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Computer Lab has three new 24" Chrome based all-in-one computers. They run on Chrome OS that is utilized in many school settings. The system uses google docs and other online programs and applications for their computer needs. Users will log into their personal google account where they will gain access to their personal documents and emails. The units are being set up with management software that will allow us to control where users may go on the internet and what features they will have access to. When this process is complete, they will be made available to the public.
- The City will celebrate Arbor Day with ceremonies at Heritage Elementary at 10:50am and Springdale Elementary at 1pm on Friday, April 27. The students will sing songs related to trees, and the Mayor will speak and present the Public Works Department with a resolution recognizing Springdale as a Tree City USA. The Springdale Garden Club will donate a tree to be planted at each location.
- The Springdale Elementary PTA has begun planning for its 3rd annual Color Run on Saturday, May 19. They are requesting use of the walking track for the event as they have in the past. There were no problems reported the previous two years, and they will provide the required insurance documents and name the City of Springdale in the waiver that the participants sign. The commission approved the request from the Springdale Elementary PTA for use of the outdoor track on Saturday May 19 for their Color Run event.
- Mayor Webster shared with the Commission the new Resident Guide that will be arriving in homes soon. It is designed to inform new and existing residents of the outstanding services provided by the City. It will be mailed to all households in Springdale initially then be available for new residents, realtors, and business. A Spanish version is being produced for those in the Hispanic community. Both versions will be available online on the City website.