

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Tuesday, December 2, 2014, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Doug Stahlgren, and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the October 2014 and November 2014 meetings were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball games will begin December 6th for grades 2 – 6th and Jr. High and High School games will begin on December 20th. There are seventeen basketball teams this season. Instructional basketball practices start this week with games beginning January 10th. There are 15 children registered for cheerleading, and they will begin practice this week as well. Youth volleyball practices will begin this week with games starting in mid January. There are five teams this year, with forty-seven children registered to date.

Registration is underway for Women's Volleyball and Adult Racquetball. Both registrations end December 31st with games beginning in January.

Mr. Karle informed the Commission that the Princeton Athletic Department had requested to use a gym for practice of their 7th or 8th grade boy's team on several dates in November due to construction issues with the new high school facility. The time they requested 3:30 – 5:00pm did not impact any of the department's programs so their use was permitted. They have since requested six more practice dates in December and eight in January, so Mr. Karle requested approval from the Commission since their request had become more significant. He explained that from his perspective, the gym time does not impact existing programs, and he would like to assist them as they proceed through their construction process. It has been required that all the participants arrive on a school activity bus and that the coaches remain at the Community Center until all the players leave. The use of the gym as described by Mr. Karle by the Princeton Athletic Department was approved by the Commission.

- Within 10 days of putting up the giving tree in the lobby all the ornaments with gift ideas for a needy family in Springdale were taken by members and staff. The family consisting of a mother and four children will enjoy a happy Christmas through this act of generosity and the SOS organization.

The seniors will return to Vincenzo's Ristorante Italiano to celebrate the holidays with good food and entertainment on Friday, December 5th. Entertainer Larry Eaton will perform holiday classics.

The "This and That" program on December 18th will feature a lecture about the Taft Museum. Attendees will learn about Cincinnati's own Taft family and other individuals who helped create the Taft Museum and the surrounding neighborhood. The program is offered through the Creative Aging membership.

- The City honored our veterans on Tuesday November 11th, at the Veterans Memorial. The Springdale Elementary 4th graders performed, World War 2 veteran Homer Wilson sang the National Anthem, and Springdale resident and Princeton graduate Sgt. Todd Sams provided the invocation. The guest speaker was Major Montigo Hawkins, Iraq and Afghanistan veteran and current Battalion Operations Officer of the Army Reserve Center in Sharonville. Mayor Webster laid the wreath with local veteran Harold Redden. Channel 9 gave some good coverage and ICRC is airing the event.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony took place yesterday evening at the Municipal Building. Springdale Elementary 1st graders brought in the holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols. There was a visit by Santa and treats and refreshments were provided. There was a very nice crowd in attendance.
- The Recreation Department's intern David Klenk completed his term with us on November 26th. He was with us since August putting in 400 hours of service. Mr. Klenk will graduate from the University of Cincinnati this month and is looking forward to continuing his education in pursuit of a Masters degree.

The Custodians position in the Recreation Department will be advertised beginning December 21st. Bob Bacik will be retiring in March after completing over seven years of service with the City and looks forward to his move to South Carolina.

- The Parks Department's new F550 dump truck should be delivered and put into service this week. It replaces the unit that caught fire this past February during snow plow duty. Additionally, the department's 1999 F550 is currently having a new bed installed. The ravages of time and salt rusted out the bed, but up fitting it with a new one will give us quite a few more years of service from this unit.
- The staff was treated to a free lunch courtesy of MVRMA in recognition of a zero loss year in 2013. This is the third consecutive year the Parks and Recreation Department has had zero losses.
- Ms. Daniels asked if there were plans in place to resurface the tennis courts at the Community Center. Mayor Webster explained that the City had applied for Community Development Block Grant funding for that project, a second project for a phased resurfacing of the walking path, and funding for the Home Improvement Program.