

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 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.

Minutes from the November 2016 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the youth basketball games had begun the past weekend for 2nd grade through high school. Kindergarten and 1st graders have begun practices and will begin play the first week of January. There are a total of 17 teams this year, same as last year. There have been some issues with the league's website. New this year all players were required to sign an online waiver. With over 800 teams in the program, the site went down several times as it went over capacity. The league did change their website provider but unfortunately it caused it to be down for a couple of days which created challenges in getting out schedules, updating rosters and completing the waivers.

Registrations are still being accepted for youth volleyball. Staff anticipates four teams, two in each age group. Practice begins on December 13th and games begin January 8th.

Spring Sports registration for softball, spring soccer, t-ball, coach-pitch and knothole baseball will begin on January 2nd.

- Christmas Craft Day was held for seniors today. They enjoyed making Christmas sun catchers.

The seniors Holiday Luncheon will be Thursday December 8th at Vincenzo's. They will celebrate the holiday season with good food festive Christmas music.

The December "This & That" program will present Cincinnati's Winter Holiday Traditions on Thursday, December 15th. Cincinnati Museum Center's presenter will share memories like the big train display at CG&E and waiting in line at Shillito's downtown to see Santa.

Seniors will get an opportunity to compete in a Holiday Cookie Contest Monday, December 19th. There will be a prize for the best tasting cookie and the best decorated cookie. Cookies must, of course, be homemade and decorated by hand. Participants are to bring 2 dozen cookies for sharing and judging.

Neusole Glassworks will provide a glass blowing demonstration at their facility in Forest Park on Tuesday December 20th. Participants will also have an opportunity to blow their own Christmas ornament.

- The Veterans Day ceremony was held the afternoon of November 11th at the memorial. The Springdale Elementary 4th graders sang the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. The guest speaker was US Army 1st Lieutenant Lance Mattingly who spoke of the challenges faced by families when their loved ones are deployed. Mayor Webster laid the wreath at the memorial with the assistance of long time Springdale resident and veteran Jim Byrd.
- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held Monday, November 28th at the Municipal Building. The Springdale Elementary had a group of 1st graders singing carols and welcoming Santa. Treats and refreshments were served.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- There will be a Winter Youth Sports Pep Rally on Friday, January 6th, at 6:30pm. The basketball, volleyball and cheerleading teams will be invited. Teams will be asked to decorate a banner which will be hung in the gym during the season. Mayor Webster will announce the inductees into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame. The inductees will include Gene Burt and Gene Nell as well as Tom Schecker, Norm Audretch and Robert Drye. The commission discussed and approved the inclusion of Ken Boehm, Bob Gardner and Jim McCaffrey. An effort will be made to reach out to the families and invite them to the ceremony.
- The Community Center will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day. The Center will be open holiday hours (1 – 9pm) on December 26th and January 2nd.
- The replacement of the Community Center tennis court fence is complete, and the courts are now available for play. The resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball courts will be completed in the spring.

The Auxiliary Gym HVAC units will be replaced this month. The modifications to the platform that supports them were completed at the end of November and a pre-construction meeting with the contractor to install the units is scheduled for Thursday.

- Ms. Casselman inquired if there were any plans for an open house at the Community Center. After some discussion it was recommended that there be an open house in the spring or early summer with a date to be determined.