

Parks and Recreation Commission

December 5, 2017

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 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, Michelle Miller, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle noted that this fall three teams qualified for the Ohio Area State Soccer Tournament. Unfortunately, all three were eliminated the first weekend but the boy's wings team did win their first game before losing in the second round.

Late registration continues for youth basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. There are 17 basketball teams competing this year. Second grade through high school began play this past weekend and the instructional teams begin play January 6. Registration continues for youth volleyball, they do not start games until January. A free basketball clinic was offered again this year on November 18. Forty children took advantage of the opportunity and six coaches volunteered to run four different stations. After the skills stations the players participated in a fun group game called "Hero". At the conclusion of the clinic coaches from Princeton High School gave a talk on the importance of practice, dedication, what high school coaches look for during tryouts and how to improve their skills outside of practice. The Youth Boosters are operating a concession stand in the lobby on Saturday during the youth basketball games. They will be selling packaged food and drinks.

Registration has begun for Women's Volleyball and Adult Racquetball leagues, with games beginning in January.

- Seventeen seniors took a road trip to Neusole Glassworks in Forest Park on November 30 for a glass blowing demonstration. They also had an opportunity to create their own beautiful snowman or Christmas tree.

Forty-five seniors attended the annual Senior's Holiday Luncheon on December 1 at Snow's Lakeside Tavern. They enjoyed great food and festive Christmas music.

A Giving Tree was in the lobby of the Community Center for the seniors and our members to assist Springdale Offering Support in their efforts to provide gifts for less fortunate families in our community. The tree was decorated with ornaments listing a gift wish on the back. Participants selected an ornament, signed it out at the front desk, purchase the item and return it to the Community Center.

There are two Craft Days for seniors this month. The first was this afternoon when the seniors made snowmen from wine bottles. Coming up on December 12, they will be creating Christmas ornaments.

- Adult/Senior Programmer Donna Lanter retired from her position November 30. She has done an outstanding job for the department and we wish her well in her retirement. A candidate has been identified and plans to begin work in mid-January.

Applications are still being accepted for an opening on Park Patrol.

- The Veterans Day Ceremony was held on November 10. Mayor Webster provided opening comments and the guest speaker this year is Colonel John McKaye, a highly decorated veteran and Commander of the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group at Wright Patterson AFB. As in the past, students from Springdale Elementary sang patriotic songs. The ceremony was well attended despite the rather cool weather.
- The lighting of the City's Christmas tree was evening of November 27 at the Municipal Building. Students from Springdale Elementary sang caroles, there was a visit from Santa and snacks and refreshments.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Winter Youth Sports Rally will be Friday, January 5 at 6:30pm. Springdale players and families will be attending from the basketball, volleyball and cheer squads. Teams will again be presenting the team banners they created, they will be introduced and there will be a cheer from the Springdale Cheer squad. Three individuals will be inducted into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame, Sharon Casselman, Sandy Dunn and Marvin Martin.
- The Community Center will be open Christmas Eve 1–5 pm, closed Christmas Day, open 1-5pm December 31 and closed on New Year's Day.
- The Springdale Youth Boosters will present their Cinema Horse races on Saturday, February 24. The doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 8pm. In addition to the races, they will have black jack, 7 card stud, a money wheel and Texas hold'em. Admission is \$8 and tickets go on sale January 2.
- Mr. Hormann updated the Commission on the youth booster's progress in renewing their federal tax-exempt status and commented on the number of new and energized members who have recently joined the organization.
- Mayor Webster noted that a concert in the park was planned for this summer, perhaps in June. If successful, a second concert would be offered later in the summer. This may be a good fund raising opportunity for the youth boosters by selling concession at the concerts.