

Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes from Tuesday, February 03, 2015

Tuesday, February 3, 2015, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the January 2015 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mt. Karle reported that the youth basketball, volleyball and cheerleading are progressing through their seasons. Currently we are waiting to hear from the league if Springdale will be hosting a tournament, February 26 – March 1st. The Commission members discussed some of the ongoing issues with the new basketball league including consistency of rules, gate fees and the travel required to games. It was suggested that a survey be conducted after the season to gain feedback from parents and coaches. Youth Volleyball is in its 5th week of play and all is going well. Registration is underway for spring youth sports of baseball, softball, t-ball and spring soccer, and we are now accepting late registrations.

New this spring, staff will be organizing a 30 & over Adult Coed Soccer League. This effort will be in conjunction with the Wyoming and Evendale recreation departments. Registration will be accepted through March 4th. The season will begin April 10th and conclude in mid June.

SYB has requested that they be permitted to charge a \$2 admission for adults at the tournament games if Springdale is selected to host one. The Springdale coaches and participants would receive 5 passes so their families and friends would not have to incur the cost. They are considering this since some other communities have charged admission during the season, and it is an opportunity to recoup some of the additional cost to participate in the new league. The Commission did not approve the admission request. The Opening Day Parade and Ceremony has been set for Saturday April 11th. In considering nominations for the Youth Sports memorial Hall of Fame, Mr. Karle noted that this past summer Wanda Price passed away. She coached softball and volleyball and was an active member of the Youth Boosters for many years. The Commission approved Wanda Price's induction and requested that Mr. Karle contact the family. It was also noted that the induction of Dan Kennedy was postponed last spring at the request of the family. Mr. Karle was asked to also contact his family to see if they would be able to attend this year.

- The AARP Income Tax Help program began January 30th and continues each Friday through April 10th. Appointments may be made by contacting the Community Center. The appointments are one hour in length and are for individual simple federal and state returns.

Springdale hosted the first of its kind local Adult/Senior Programmers meeting on Monday January 26th. Thirteen programmers from West Chester, Miami Township, Fairfield, Sharonville, Blue Ash, Green Township, Sycamore, Springfield Township and Forest Park were in attendance. They discussed current programming, successes and failures and common challenges each community faces. They plan to meet quarterly and Mr. Karle congratulated Adult/Senior Programmer, Donna Lanter on her efforts to bring this group

together.

Fat Tuesday will be celebrated with Biscuits and Blues breakfast on February 17th at 10am. Jerry Conrad will be playing the trumpet and singing some New Orleans Blues.

Thursday's "This & That" program for February will be a visit from the new West Chester Hospital as they talk about the Emergency/EMS Experience, what's involved in getting you to the hospital and what to expect when you arrive in the emergency room.

- Planning is underway for Club Rec's Winter Extreme Games – "At the Beach" scheduled for Friday February 6th. There will be games and activities with a beach theme. A few of the activities planned include sand castle making out of kinetic sand, beach volleyball and other summer themed games. Club Rec is also planning to assist the Lions Club on March 21st with their Pancake Breakfast.
- There were 96 applications received for the Custodian position in the Recreation Department. Ten candidates have been interviewed, and it is hoped that a recommendation will come forward soon.
- The annual SYB Cinema Horse Races will take place on Saturday February 28th. The doors open at 7pm with the first race at 8pm. In addition to the races, there will be Texas Hold'em, Black Jack, 7 Card Stud, Money Wheel, Chuck-a-Luck and Split the Pot. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$6 which includes admission and three drink tickets.
- Ms. Daniels shared with the Commission the new policy Sharonville's Recreation Department has implemented regarding banning sex offenders from the community center.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Teen Fit will be offered February 15th from 1:30 – 4pm. This class provides training and orientation for youth as young as 13 years of age to utilize the Fitness Center independently.
- The annual lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 8am – 12noon.
- President's Day, February 16th the Community Center will be open 1pm – 9pm.
- Ms. Daniels asked if the Recreation Department has ever considered offering a spinning class. Mr. Karle answered that although it is a very popular activity in many health clubs, it typically requires a dedicated space and a considerable investment in the stationary bikes. She also asked about the possibility of offering concerts in the park. Mayor Webster provided background on the past experience with concerts in the park and the relatively light attendance compared to the cost of offering them.