

**Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 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, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle and Springdale resident Brian Honerlaw.

Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that there are two weeks remaining of the youth basketball regular season. The end of season tournament is scheduled for Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Staff is not yet aware of which grade level will be playing at our facility. The teams are doing quite well with a total of 56 wins and 29 losses. Two teams are undefeated, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy's team played a mini game during half time of the Princeton High School Boys varsity game this past Friday. The girl's 6<sup>th</sup> grade team will play a mini game at the halftime of the varsity girl's game on Wednesday. At both these games, all Springdale youth players were able to attend the game for free, tickets for their parents are/were only \$1. The youth volleyball teams have four more weeks in their regular season. The 12 – 14 year olds will play their tournament here on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration continues for the spring youth sports of girls softball, baseball, t-ball and spring soccer.

The Women's Volleyball league began on January 11<sup>th</sup>. There are 6 teams this year. The Adult Racquetball league has been pushed back a few weeks, and it appears there will be 6 – 8 players competing beginning in mid February. Registration has begun for the Men's Golf League and information will be sent out soon for Co-ed Softball.

SYB – The Youth Boosters held their Winter Sports Pep Rally on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended with approximately 80% of the players and coaches participating. Each team created a banner and was recognized during the event. The banners are hung in the gym and will remain there through the season. Mayor Webster inducted eight individuals into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame. The inductee's families were well represented and appreciative of the honor. There was good feedback regarding the Pep Rally and it proved to be very successful in its first year. Mayor Webster concurred that it was good event. He did suggest that next year there should be more emphasis on the pep rally portion of the event, adding that perhaps the Princeton High School pep band could be invited. Mr. Brooks suggested that maybe the teams could parade around the gym to increase their involvement. Ms. Casselman noted that the children were extremely well behaved throughout the event.

- Eighteen people played Chicken Foot on January 10<sup>th</sup> and also enjoyed the chicken nugget snacks.

The Travel Expo and Party had nearly 80 people registered. Seniors learned about the various travel opportunities available to them in the coming year. Representatives from two travel agencies and the Springdale Senior Citizens Club were in attendance providing information on everything from cruises and multi-day tours to day trips.

The AARP Income Tax Help program is offered on Friday mornings through April 7<sup>th</sup>. The one and one half hour appointments are for simple state and federal returns.

Twenty-eight people attended the “This & That program titled the History and Mystery of Vanilla. Coming up on February 16<sup>th</sup> seniors can learn about proper heart health and recognize National Heart Health Month.

The Cold Feet Warm Eats luncheon in January had 43 seniors in attendance. They can enjoy Fat Tuesday Pancake Brunch on February 28<sup>th</sup> and be entertained by pianist Mike Pendell with some fun Marti Gras music.

Thursday will be the annual Book & Music Swap, 4-8pm. Those who brought in books or DVDs were given tickets which can be redeemed for a like item.

- Club Rec Winter Xtreme Games Who Dunn it Edition was held this past Friday with 17 children in attendance. The children had a fun night of games and solving mysteries. They played a life-size game of Clue; using the whole building as their game board. Club Rec looks forward to working with the Lions at their Pancake breakfast on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- An individual has been identified to fill the open Part-time Custodian position and is in the background check process.

Applications are being accepted for Seasonal Park Maintenance Worker, Lifeguard, Aquatics Director and Assistant Aquatics Director.

- The Youth Boosters “Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 7pm with the first race at 8pm. In addition to the races there will be various Monte Carlo type games including black jack, 7 card stud, Texas hold’em, and a money wheel. The cost is \$8; you must be 21 to enter.
- The project to replace the two HVAC units that serve the Auxiliary Gym is complete.

The Community Center Walking Path Repair and Resurfacing project is currently out to bid. The bid opening is scheduled for Thursday.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Teen Fit class was held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with six children enrolled. All six passed and have been seen actively using the Fitness Center in the past week.

The Studio classes are off to a great start this year. Hip Hop has been averaging 30 participants per class and Boot Camp had 30 people for one class and hasn’t had less than 25 for the others. Butts ‘n Guts is averaging more than double its regular attendance numbers.

- Mr. Karle stated that request has come forward from Springdale resident Brian Honerlaw to host the 12 & under South West Ohio Baseball League Continental Division Tournament at the Community Center on June 23, 24 & 25. His team previously has played in the Springdale recreational program, but this year will be moving to this league. He said the continental level is just a step above knothole. The tournament would be for 7

to 9 teams who are in their league and would be a round robin with two flights (approx. 27 games). The league would provide umpires and would take care of administering the tournament. They are requesting use of three fields and would need them drug and lined. There would be no admission charged to spectators and they would offer \$108 per team for use of the field. They would also like to have SYB available to sell concessions. Mr. Honerlaw said that SWOL is a non-profit organization and a certificate of insurance could be provided to the city. It was also noted that the event would be alcohol free. Mr. Honerlaw also added that his team does have 8 of 13 players who are Springdale residents. Mayor Webster asked Mr. Karle if there would be any concern about the Recreation Department not running the tournament. Mr. Karle stated that he would be comfortable with that arrangement as long as it was understood that any decisions regarding the playability of fields, safety and security would ultimately rest with the City and the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Casselman expressed concern that approval may set a precedent for future requests. After some discussion it was determined that future requests would still require approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission and could be approved on a case by case basis. Mayor Webster expressed a reluctance to approve the tournament without a commitment that the teams would actually be here in June and participate. Mr. Honerlaw said that seven teams had committed, but he would be happy to return next month with a more firm commitment. The request was tabled until the March meeting at which time; Mr. Honerlaw will provide a firm commitment from the participating teams. Mayor Webster also asked Mr. Karle to invite a representative from the Springdale Youth Boosters to determine if they would like to participate by selling concessions.

- The Springdale-Forest Park Lions Club will present their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 8am to noon. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.
- Mr. Karle said a request from a resident to rent the Auxiliary Gym for a family reunion has been received. The current policy only permits resident members to rent the Auxiliary Gym for weddings, anniversaries, graduations and birthdays for immediate family members. Immediate family includes self, spouse, child, parent and grandparent. There was considerable discussion regarding the rental of the facility for events that may have minimal participation by residents of Springdale. The concern centered on potential wear and abuse of the facility by individuals who may have little or no connection to Springdale. There was also concern that individual could rent the facility under false pretenses by a resident renting it on behalf of someone who would not be otherwise eligible or not for one of the permitted uses. It was recommended that a \$500 deposit be required of individuals renting the Auxiliary Gym for after-hour events to help deter those actions. The Commission also agreed to permit the above mentioned rental.
- Mr. Karle noted that the Community Center will be open holiday hours 1 – 9pm on Presidents Day – February 20<sup>th</sup>