

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

On Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 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, Lori Merz and Mike Sickinger. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the January 2020 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- **Sports Programs**

Mr. Karle said that Youth basketball teams (2<sup>nd</sup> grade – HS) complete their regular season Feb 22. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade – HS Tournaments are Feb 21-23 and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tournament is Feb 28-March 1. Springdale will host one bracket of the tournament. The grade level is to be determined, but a Springdale team will be in the bracket. Instructional league games end Feb 29.

Spring sports registration began January 2 and to-date registration numbers are in line with last season.

The girl's softball teams will participate in a new league this spring, the Eastern Hills League (EHL). Most of the teams in the previous league combined with the EHL. There are now 30 organizations in the EHL, including local teams like Sharonville, Wyoming, Evendale, Forest Park, and Lockland.

Springdale will be collaborating with the head volleyball coach at Princeton HS, Bridget Sparks to present a youth volleyball clinic on Saturday, March 28, 10am – 12:30pm. It will be free of charge and open to Springdale youth 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Sparks, her assistant coach, and 4 players will run skills and drills stations. This will be very similar to our current basketball skills and drills clinic.

The Women's Volleyball League has four teams this year. Play began January 8 and will conclude with a tournament on March 18.

Registration for last year's participants in the Men's Golf League began February 1. All returning players must register by February 29. New players can fill open spots beginning March 1. The plan is to have 10 teams again this year (20 players, 5 tee-times). The first night of play will be Wednesday, April 22

- **Online Sports Registration/Credit Card Transactions**

Staff has been investigating implementation of computer software that will allow online registration and the ability to accept credit card transactions online as well. The software that appears to best suit our needs is called MyRec. It is attractive in that it is cloud based making it independent of the City's server and firewall. It would require that staff learn to navigate new software, but it appears to be much more user friendly than the current RecTrac software. Once in place, it is envisioned that patrons could renew memberships, register for classes, and sign-up for sports, all on the internet.

- **Club Rec**

Winter Extreme was held on Friday, January 31, 11:00PM – 1:00AM. There were forty youth in attendance. Each participant had the opportunity to decorate a shirt with glow in the dark markers and paint. They then played glow in the dark tag and dodgeball. The dodgeballs were taped with glow in the dark tape, and the court had glow in the dark marking tape.

- **Adult/Senior Programs**

The AARP Income Tax Help program began on January 31 and continues each Friday through April 10. The free one-hour appointments provide assistance for simple state and federal returns. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting the Community Center.

The annual Travel Expo & Party was held Friday with nearly 100 seniors in attendance. Joy Tour & Travel, Provident Travel and the Senior Citizens Club provided detailed information on the various travel opportunities for seniors in 2020. They can take advantage of day trips, multi-day tours and cruises, all reasonably priced. Light refreshments were served.

The "This & That" program on Thursday is *Overcoming Our Emotional Attachment to Things*. Professional Organizer Polly Giblin, "The Mess Mender" will explore the emotions behind why we can't let go of our many possessions and solutions for how to navigate them.

Seniors will celebrate National Chili Day with their luncheon on February 27.

- **Fitness**

The Fitness Center staff assisted the Police Department in their fitness testing of Patrol Officer applicants this past weekend.

The Tiny Gym Time is off to a great start. They have been averaging 13 youngsters 5 & under per class. There has been quite a bit of positive feedback on the program. It is held on Fridays 10am – 11:30am and is free of charge.

- **Facilities**

Parks Maintenance staff are renovating the pool concession in preparation for the department resuming operations this summer. The room has been painted and new cabinets, shelving, and floor are planned.

- **Personnel**

Fitness Center Manager Elizabeth Johnson will return from maternity leave on February 17.

Staff is currently interviewing lifeguards, head lifeguards, pool gate attendants, pool concession manager, and pool concession workers. There are 10 lifeguard positions that will need to be filled as well as the new positions in the concession operation.

Applications are being accepted for Seasonal Parks Maintenance. Two staff members are returning from last year, and there are two vacancies to fill.

The open Part-Time Parks Maintenance position has been filled by Springdale resident Charles Black. He recently retired from Hamilton County Engineers. He worked for the County's street department for thirty years. Along with his years of maintenance experience, he holds a Class A commercial driver's license.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- **Cinema Horse Races**

The Youth Boosters will present their Cinema Horse Races event on Saturday, February 29, doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 8pm. Admission is \$10. In addition to the races, they will offer Black Jack, 7 Card Stud, Money Wheel, Texas Hold'em, and door prizes.

- **Presidents Day**

The Community Center will be open holiday hours 1pm – 9pm on Presidents Day, Monday, February 17.

- **Utilization of SCC for Spring Soccer Games**

At the SYB meeting last week the question was raised as to whether the spring soccer practices and games could be moved to the Community Center. This would allow access to more facilities and give the boosters an opportunity to sell concessions on a regular basis. Spring soccer has always been in the neighborhood parks since it began. With the low number of baseball and softball teams utilizing the Community Center fields, it should be possible. The other consideration is that coaches may not have their pick of practice times as they have in the past since there would be fewer fields available. The upside is that there would be more activity at the Community Center, better parking, safety and security, and access to SYBs concession. Mr. Karle stated that the staff will need to measure the fields and evaluate the demand this spring when the sports registration is complete. The Commission members discussed and agreed that if possible spring soccer practices should take place on fields at the Community Center.

- **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Webster reviewed the recent Department Director hiring of Building Official, Economic Development Director and Chief of Police.