

Parks & Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

On Tuesday, January 3, 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, Daryl Dennie, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved with the addition of a phrase for the department to host an open house for residents on a date to be determined.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that each of the youth basketball teams have played three games (2nd grade – HS). They will resume play on January 7th. The instructional league teams begin their season this weekend as well. The youth volleyball teams began practice in December and begin play on Sunday. There are 37 players on four teams this year. There are 11 cheerleaders this year and they will be cheering at the Pep Rally on Friday. Spring youth sports registration began on January 2nd for spring soccer, baseball, t-ball and girls softball.

The women's volleyball league is scheduled to begin on January 11th. It is anticipated that there will be 7 teams this year.

Mayor Webster asked if yard signs had been utilized for marketing the sports sign-ups. Mr. Karle said that they were in place in the parks and areas out of the public right of way. Mayor Webster explained that the zoning code was recently change to permit this type of signage to be in the right of way. Mr. Karle said he would have sports registration yard signs installed in these more prominent locations.

- Plans are in place for the Winter Sport Pep Rally on Friday at 6:30pm. The 17 basketball teams, 4 volleyball teams and cheer squad have been invited to attend and be recognized. Due to the number of players and parents anticipated the event will be on courts #1 & #2 of the main gym. Each team has been asked to create a banner which will be hung in the gym for the duration of the season. There will be the induction of eight individuals into the Youth Sport Memorial Hall of Fame. Mr. Brooks indicated that Mr. Bob Gardner had coached basketball in the early 70's and that members of his family plan to be in attendance.
- Plans are in the works for the Club Rec Winter Extreme Games on Friday, February 3rd. The theme this year is Winter Extreme's – Who Dunit Edition. SCC members and their guests in grades 5 through 8 may join in the fun to see who can be first to solve the mystery.
- Eighteen seniors enjoyed the Christmas Craft Day by creating sun catchers out of CDs. Thirty-Eight seniors attended the Holiday Luncheon at Vincenzo's on December 8th. We had another successful year with the giving tree. This year members picked ornaments off the tree to support three families through the SOS Adopt a Family Program. Twenty-two seniors attended the presentation by the Cincinnati Museum Center on Cincinnati's Holiday Traditions. Eleven bakers submitted cookies in the Holiday Cookie Contest. Everyone got an opportunity to taste and take home some cookies.

AARP will be offering their free Income Tax Help program again this year. Appointments are one hour in length on Fridays beginning January 27th and are designed for simple state and federal returns. Appointment may be made by contacting the Community Center.

The This & That program on January 12th will present The History and Mystery of Vanilla. Vanilla not just a common flavoring for food and beverages but has an intriguing history.

The annual Travel Expo and Party will be on Friday January 20th. Joy Tour & Travel, Provident Travel and the Springdale Senior Citizens Club will be providing detailed information on their various travel opportunities for seniors in 2017. They have day trips, multi day tours and cruises all at a reasonable price.

Cold Feet Warm Eats is the theme and title of the January luncheon. Seniors can choose from three types of soup, grilled cheese and cobbler for desert. They will enjoy Judi & Wayne as they sing songs to bring out sunny weather and good times.

Ms. Wright asked about the Springdale Offering Support organization and more specifically was interested in the Adopt-A-Family program. Mayor Webster provided a very detailed description of what SOS does and how the Wright family can support the Adopt-A-Family program in 2017.

- The Aquatics Director and Assistant Aquatics Director positions have been posted. These positions have been changed from seasonal to permanent part-time and also from a salaried position to hourly. These changes will provide us with greater flexibility in complying with the affordable care act and still provide a competitive wage that should attract qualified candidates. Letters have gone out to last years aquatic staff offering them an opportunity to return in 2017.

Long time part-time employee Don Slaughter resigned at the end of December to fully retire. We are extremely grateful for his many years of service on Park Patrol and wish him the best of luck in his retirement. The position will be filled by Cindy Partin who will be transferring from her position as part-time custodian. The part-time custodian position has been posted.

- The replacement of the two 20 ton cooling units in the Auxiliary Gym is nearly complete. As part of this process the computerized controls were replaced as well as two critical valves that control the heating system, they hope to complete the project by the end of the week.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Teen Fit, the award winning fitness and nutrition class for children age 13 – 17 will be offered on January 29th. The program includes a classroom presentation and hands-on demonstrations in the fitness center. Young people will learn the proper way to exercise and how to get in better shape for their favorite sport.

- Mr. Karle presented a request from the Vineyard Community Church in cooperation with the Willows Work Group, the Health Department, Recreation Department and Heritage Hill Elementary. They would like to offer a sports camp at Chamberlain Park, April 10th – 14th, 10am – 1pm. The camp will be free of charge and offered for children kindergarten through 5th grade. They plan to offer instruction on soccer and basketball. The camp will be during the week the children are on spring break and will offer wholesome activity for them during their time out of school. Donations are being sought to help provide refreshments and snacks to the participants. The Commission approved the use of the parks on the specified dates.
- The annual Springdale Youth Boosters Cinema Horse Races will be held on Saturday, February 25th. The doors open at 7pm with the first race at 8pm. In addition to the races there will be various Monte Carlo games such as black jack, 7 card stud, Texas hold'em and a money wheel. The cost of admission is \$8.
- The Community Center will be open 1 – 9pm on Monday, January 16th in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.
- Mr. Brooks asked if any changes were planned for the Community Bash this year. He was hoping the event might include more activities for teens. Mayor Webster agreed that it was time to look at some changes to the event while maintaining a family atmosphere. Mr. Karle suggested that the bands be moved to the amphitheater to bring the activities in closer proximity to each other. He also suggested that the balloon glow be replaced with other activities that are not so weather dependent. The commission concurred with those recommendations and discussed various other options. Mr. Karle will have the staff begin exploring alternatives for this year's event.