

Parks and Recreation Commission
March 5, 2013

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Carmen Daniels, Julie Wright and Doug Stahlgren. Also present was Recreation Director, Greg Karle.

Minutes from the January 2013 meeting were approved

Minutes from the February 2013 meeting were approved after one correction.

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball regular season is complete and the teams have moved on to their league tournaments, with Springdale hosting four of the age groups. Of the 15 Springdale teams in level 2 through high school, 9 finished in 1st place, 3 finished in 2nd place and 1 in 3rd place. In total, Springdale teams had an amazing 118-27-5 record. There continued to be a number of issues with inappropriate and unsportsmanlike behavior by parents and coaches this season. The majority of the problems appeared to be with the younger ages and is not unique to any one community. Staff has been discussing actions that can be taken in our community to help prevent this behavior and there has been discussion at the league level to establish standard disciplinary policies and other steps to reduce the intensity and overly competitive spirit that has found its way into the recreational sports.

All four volleyball teams are also doing very well this season with a combined record of 51-17. Springdale hosted an end of season tournament for the 9-11 age group on March 3rd. The 12-15 year olds have 2 more weeks of regular season before their tournament.

There are currently 122 children registered for spring sports. There are six soccer teams (same as 2012) and seven baseball teams are projected this year (8 in 2012). The majority of the C2 team has gone select and most of the B1 players from last season have moved onto the Princeton Jr. High team. Staff is hoping to merge the remaining players to form one team.

Staff is looking into the new ADA regulations regarding athletic fields. The new regulations require an accessible route (paved surface) to playing fields. This may immediately effect the placement of player benches and bleachers. The Evendale Recreation Department has contracted with a consultant to advise them on the new requirements, and they have offered to share the findings with us.

Registration is underway for the Men's Golf League. They will be playing at the Mill Course again this year. Additionally, registration has begun for the Co-ed Softball league.

- The February Senior luncheon was a "Breakfast with Red Skelton" on Monday February 25th. Forty-two seniors enjoyed breakfast while entertainer Jennings Barnett impersonated Red Skelton.

A "Retirement Ready" series will be offered for retired and adult members of the Community Center. New York Life will present a series of four free workshops to help people become retirement ready. The first workshop titled strategies for *Generating Retirement Income* is on March 12th. The program discusses the financial challenges retirees face in managing their retirement income and how best to meet those challenges.

"This and That" program presents *Cincinnati Memories 3* on Thursday, March 14th. There will be a virtual tour of city landmarks such as Music Hall, Chester Park, the inclines, Crosley Field and Coney Island. The guided tour is provided by a representative from the Cincinnati Preservation Society.

- The Club Rec group hosted the Winter Extreme Games-Glow in the Dark Edition on Friday, February 8th, 11:00pm – 1:00am. The event was free and open to Community Center members and their guest's in grades 5-8. Activities included glow in the dark kickball, hide-n-seek, and face and tee shirt

painting, all in the dark. T-shirts were provided along with snacks and drinks. Fifty-eight children attended and had a wonderful time.

- The Recreation Programmer position was advertised in the newspaper, Springdale website, and the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association website. There were 316 resumes submitted. Seven individuals were selected for interviews. It is hoped that a decision will be made soon on a candidate to move forward with.

Josh Ramirez has been hired as a Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker. Josh has worked full time in the landscaping industry for the past 7 years. He is a lifelong resident who worked in the Parks Department as a season employee when he was younger.

The Aquatics Director and Assistant Aquatics Director will not be returning this year. Both positions have been posted. Most of the lifeguards and gate attendants have reapplied, and it appears we will be hiring three or four new lifeguards this season. The minimum requirement is certification in lifeguarding through Red Cross, YMCA or other nationally recognized organization.

- At the February Recreation Commission meeting the date of September 14th was identified as a potential date for a community special event in 2013. The date of September 14th was confirmed for the community special event in 2013.
- The Youth Boosters hosted their annual Cinema Horse Races event on Saturday, February 23rd. The event was well attended (177 tickets sold) and ran smoothly with the exception of a fight that occurred late in the evening. Three related individuals appeared to have a domestic dispute that resulted in an altercation. An innocent bystander attempted to break things up and was punched and thrown against the wall. Unfortunately, it resulted in a severe laceration to his head that required eight staples. There was some damage to the wall and a table for which the City will seek restitution. The police arrested three people. Charges included disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assault. All of the expenses are not in yet, but SYB believes they profited \$2,700 - \$2,800 which would be up from last year.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 16th, 8:00am – 12 noon. The Club Rec group will assist again this year in serving and bussing tables.
- The annual Opening Day Parade and Ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 13th. The parade will stage at Value City at 9:00am. The Recreation Commission approved the induction of two individuals into the Springdale Youth Sports Hall of Fame Memorial, Angela Drye, Youth Booster member and soccer coach and Bill Syfert, soccer and baseball coach.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- a) **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** – March 16th 8am – noon
- b) **Springdale's Gone Wild** – March 28th 7pm
- c) **Opening Day Parade and Ceremony** – April 13th