

Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Tuesday, March 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, Carmen Daniels, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the February 2015 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the youth basketball teams have completed their season. There were two league champions and one runner-up. Springdale hosted the 5th grade boy's division tournament this past weekend. He noted that the staff continues to have difficulty with the league. They have indicated that they will not provide league champion and runner up trophies as it stated in the league rules at the beginning of the season. The league president said it was decided to not have them by the teams last year, and they were late in updating the rules. We are in continued discussions to attempt to resolve the issue. The youth volleyball 9 – 11 yr. olds are finished and the older age group finishes up with a tournament on March 22 in Wyoming. Late registrations are being accepted for spring youth sports. Soccer numbers are down this year. It appears there may be four teams. Baseball registrations are still coming in, and it is anticipated that there will be five teams including t-ball.

It appears there will be 10 teams again this year in the Men's Golf League. Registration is also currently underway for Co-ed Softball.

- 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.

Technology 101 is back and will be offered each Saturday in March. They will be providing 45 minute sessions focusing on mobile devices. There is a nominal fee of \$3. Instruction is also available on the internet utilizing the computer in the Senior Lounge upon request.

March 12th at noon it's St. Patrick's Day in Springdale! There will be a good old fashion Irish lunch of Shepherd's pie, soda bread and dessert. Entertainment will be Sweet & Lows performing their "A Bit O'Blarney" program

Thursday's This and That program will be "History of the Cincinnati Zoo" on March 19th. Participants will learn the story of the second largest zoo in the country from its beginning in 1875 through Opera at the Zoo, the first gorilla in North America, the great Bald Eagle and much more through the year 2000. In April, they will continue the story as it brings us to current day.

Springdale's Gone Wild returns with "Slimy Salamanders. The Naturalist from Great Parks of Hamilton County visits with some of Ohio's secretive salamanders on March 24th at 7pm.

- There will be two new classes starting in March. Butts 'N Guts 'n More will be Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:15pm. The program is a high energy, tightening and toning workout. The class is free, fast-paced and suitable for all fitness levels with a focus on tightening your core and toning your glutes. Every class will provide a different workout and hit all the typical trouble spots.

Hip Hop Kids will be Saturdays at 1pm for ages 7 - 10 and 2pm for ages 11 – 14. It will be a fun-filled class all about burning up the dance floor. They will develop dance skills while immersing the children in all aspects of motion. Students will learn easy to follow mini hip hop routines and combinations and work on drilling together. The class is open to all dance levels.

- Club Rec held their Winter Extreme Games – “At the Beach” Friday, February 6th. There were games and activities with a beach theme. There were approximately 30 children in attendance. Club Rec is also planning to assist the Lions Club on March 21st with their Pancake Breakfast.
- An individual has been identified to fill the fulltime Custodian position in the Recreation Department, and the background check process is underway. Bob Bacik will be with us through the end of March.

Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker, Eric Britton has resigned to accept a fulltime position. The opening has been posted.

Applications are being accepted for seasonal employment in the Parks and Recreation Department. Opportunities are available for Lifeguards and Seasonal Parks Maintenance Workers.

- The annual SYB Cinema Horse Races took place on Saturday. The attendance seemed to be lighter this year, perhaps due to the threat of bad weather. There were no problems to report.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Interviews for Lifeguards will be conducted on March 9th and 16th. Applications are still being accepted.

The pool opens on Saturday, May 23rd. Swim lesson registration begins May 1st

There will be a new aquatics class offered this year called “Introduction to Aqua Arthritis” on Monday June 8th. The class is designed for adults 18 and over that are living with arthritis, impaired joint motion, decreased strength or those just wanting to effectively manage joint pain and stiffness. If there is sufficient interest, a full session of classes will be offered.

- The Lion’s Club will offer their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 21st 8am – noon. As in the past, the event will be sponsored by IHOP. The Club Rec group will assist by serving and bussing tables.
- The SYB opening Day Parade and Ceremony will be Saturday May 2nd. This year Dan Kennedy and Wanda Price will be inducted into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame. Both families have been contacted and plan to attend. Steven Brooks noted that Bob Gardner, past youth sports coach had recently passed away and should be considered for the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame. The Commission approved Bob Gardner’s nomination and recommended his induction at the upcoming Opening Day Ceremony.