

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

On Tuesday, March 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, Daryl Dennie and Doug Stahlgren. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle informed the Commission that Mr. Honerlaw has withdrawn his request to host a 12 & under baseball tournament in Springdale in 2017. Mr. Karle had spoken to him and after the February meeting he said that the league had decided to hold the tournament at another facility this year but would like it to be considered in the future. He and the league felt it was something that needed a bit more time to plan and execute.
- Mr. Karle stated that the youth basketball season is complete. The teams did quite well on the court with a combined record of 79 wins and 41 losses. The boy's varsity team won their league and the tournament, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls were league runner-up and the boy's 7<sup>th</sup> grade team was tournament runner-up. The league went very smoothly with no significant issues to report. The 9 – 11 yr. old volleyball teams completed their season and finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league. The tournament for the 12 – 15 year olds will be at on Community Center on March 12<sup>th</sup>. As was noted at a previous meeting, next year due to Sharonville and Wyoming moving to the Cincinnati Premier Youth Volleyball League, the Springdale program will be moving as well. This change will move them from a winter to a fall sport. They will have a ten game schedule over a six week season from September 9<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> followed by an end of season tournament the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup>. Divisions are set up by grade level 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. The league offers both recreation and athletic (select) level of which Springdale will be recreational. One other change of note is that beginning this fall SAY Soccer will be changing the age matrix to align with the player's birth year with each level, January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that the boy's varsity team that won the league be invited to City Council for recognition. Mayor Webster asked Mr. Karle to invite them to the April 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Registrations are still being accepted for spring youth sports. This year it is planed that there will be 6 spring soccer teams, 2 baseball, one coach-pitch, 2 t-ball, 1 girl's softball. Additionally there will be one select baseball team playing out of Springdale.

The Women's Volleyball League is progressing well. They complete their season with a tournament on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The racquetball league is three weeks into their season with six players competing. Registration has begun for Co-ed Softball and the Men's Golf League. All but two players are retuning from last year and there are openings for four new twosomes.

- The Fat Tuesday Pancake Brunch had an outstanding response with nearly 70 seniors in attendance. The Prime time Diners also had a record crowd of 23 people enjoy dinner at Century Inn in February.

Bunco has also proven to be very popular with 20 gamers participating, which is the maximum for Bunco. If the group continues to grow, we will need to do two games.

The This & That program will present “Healthy Ears!” on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Just like the rest of your body, your ears and your hearing change as you age. This program will provide information to help you keep them healthy and well functioning.

Technology 101 returns Saturdays in March. Participants can take advantage of this opportunity for private instruction on use of ipads, smart phones, notebooks, navigation and other mobile devices. Appointments are 45 minutes each and can be arranged by contacting the Community Center. The cost is \$3.

- Line Dancing will be returning. The eight week program is on Tuesdays, 1 – 2pm, March 7<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Part-time Custodian position has been filled by local resident Demarcus Bryant.

Shawn O’Brien has resigned from his Part-time Parks Maintenance position to accept a fulltime position in the restaurant industry. The position has been posted.

Applications are also being accepted for Aquatic Director, Asst. Aquatics Director, Lifeguard and Seasonal Parks Maintenance.

Part-time Fitness Instructor Terry Ruff has indicated that he will not longer be able to continue working his regular shift but desires to remain on as a substitute. Applications are being accepted.

- The Youth Booster’s Cinema Horse Race and Monte Carlo went well this year with 187 tickets sold and a profit of \$2,700 reported.
- The low bidder for the Community Center Walking Path Overlay and Repair Project was J. K. Meuer. An anticipated start date has not been determined yet.

The Community Center racquetball roof and a 500 sqft area of existing roof will be replaced this spring. The racquetball court roof was installed in 1991 and the other portion in 1999.

The City has contracted with Southwestern Ohio Services to resurface the tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts at the Community Center. They should begin work later this spring as the surface temperature become warmer.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Springdale-Forest Park Lions Club will present their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 8am – noon. Club Rec will be assisting them by serving and bussing tables. Tickets are \$6 for adults \$3 for children.

- The Springdale Garden Club will present their high tea, “Tea at Tiffany’s”, 2:30 - 4:30pm, Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The featured speaker will be Cynthia Beischel, author of “Lost Tea Rooms of Cincinnati”. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.
- The Springdale’s Gone Wild Program on April 5<sup>th</sup> is entitled “Is That a Rat?” A naturalist from Great Parks of Hamilton County will discuss the wild rodents who live in Ohio such as squirrels, rats, mice and their cousins. She will even bring some of them along for you to meet up close.
- Mayor Webster briefed the Commission on the city’s major street repair and repaving program and the status of the hotel demolition.