

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Tuesday, May 5, 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 April 2015 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle reported that the spring soccer and baseball teams have begun their seasons. There have been a number of issues with Queen City Tees the uniform supplier for SYB. They sent three separate sets of incomplete team uniforms and those that were issued were poorly printed. SYB has had difficulty rectifying the problem and, needless to say, will not be using them in the future. Registration for fall soccer began May 1st. Recreation Programmer, Charlie Wilson is working with Springdale and Heritage Hill Elementary to promote the soccer program during their field days, with announcements at school and with flyers. The commission members discussed other marketing ideas such as yard signs, the electronic sign on I275 and posters at the apartment complexes.
- The seniors will travel to Neusole Glassworks on May 14th for a glassblowing demonstration and each participant will have the opportunity to create their own glass spring flower.

Springdale's Gone Wild presents "Creepy, Crawly, Slimy Creatures" on Tuesday, May 19th. A Naturalist from Great Parks of Hamilton County will talk about these creatures found in our parks and backyards and will have some available to see and touch.

The May Senior Luncheon will be Friday May 22nd. They will be entertained by the "Wild Carrots" who will take them on a musical trip down memory lane.

The seniors will have a Putt Putt Golf Outing on Thursday, May 28th at Eagle Tee Golf. They will enjoy 18 holes of miniature golf and gather under the shelter for light refreshments.

- The Balanced for Life class has been a huge success with over 30 participants attending each of the first three classes.

A new class called Pole Walking began this past Friday. It will be offered on Fridays, 10:30-11:30am through the month of May. Pole walking is a low impact exercise that provides benefits of health and wellness for all ages and fitness levels. Normal walking utilizes primarily the muscles of the lower body, while pole walking is a total body workout which contributes to weight loss, better balance and posture and improved cardiovascular health. The department has purchase ten sets of poles which can also be checked out by members for use outside of class. There were 14 participants in the first class.

Rock Solid class will begin in June. This class is always a big hit and very well attended. Class is held on Saturdays and meets near the sand volleyball court. The free class will offer some changes to the course of activities to present new challenges to the participants.

The annual May Walk will be held on May 13th from 11am – 1pm. The goal is to get Springdale residents to walk at least 1 mile on that day to promote health and fitness. Participants are encouraged to walk on the outdoor path or on the indoor walking path if there is inclement weather. Light refreshments will be served.

- Arbor Day this year was recognized with two ceremonies on Friday, April 24th. The first was at Heritage Hill Elementary in the morning and Springdale Elementary in the afternoon. The Springdale Garden Club donated a tree for planting at each location and there was recognition of Springdale's status as a Tree City USA.
- The annual Opening Day Parade and Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 2nd. The parade departed from Value City and progressed via the normal route to the Community Center where a ceremony followed. Two individuals were inducted into the Youth Sport Memorial Hall of Fame, Dan Kennedy and Wanda Price.

- The 3rd Grade Health Fair will take place this year on Friday, May 15th. Third graders from public and private schools throughout the Princeton School District will have the opportunity to visit a number booths promoting healthy living. The department will be represented by our fitness team who present a station encouraging health through exercise.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The annual Bike Safety Program will be held at the Community Center on Saturday May 30th from 10am – 2pm. The Police, Fire and Recreation Departments have a role in this event. The public is offered the opportunity to have their bike registered by the Police Department to assist in its recovery if it is lost or stolen. Free bike helmets will be available with registration. Personnel will be there to inspect bikes for safety problems and to perform simple repairs.
- A commemorative tree has been purchased by the Senior Citizen's Club to memorialize three of their members who passed away in 2014. The tree and plaque will be located in the grass island between the amphitheater and the multi-purpose court.

Coming in May tetherball and disc golf baskets will be installed in several parks providing additional unstructured play activities for our patrons.

- Mr. Karle briefed the Commission of the major event coming up this summer.
 - a) Women's Softball Tournament – was scheduled for July 18th, but we have been informed that the USSSA Men's & Women's Conference tournament is in Cincinnati that weekend and are now looking at an alternative date.
 - b) The Neighborhood Yard Sales is scheduled for Saturday, August 8th 9am – 2pm. As in the past it will be marketed by the City and residents are encouraged to have sales at their home on those dates.
 - c) The free document shredding event will be Saturday, August 22nd 10am – 1pm. Royal Document Destruction will shred the material securely on site.
 - d) The Junior Olympics is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th.
 - e) The Springdale Community Bash is planned for Saturday, September 19th with a similar format as the previous two years with Mudquest, Circus acts, a climbing wall, petting zoo, bands, food and of course a balloon glow in the evening.
- The aquatics staff has been busy preparing for the opening of the pool season on Saturday, May 23rd. The majority of the lifeguards will be returning this year as are the Aquatics Director, Dave Kamerer and Assistant Aquatics Director, Tom Schmittou. The annual Aquatics Staff meeting will be Saturday May 9th

Registration for swim lessons began on May 1st. Classes are offered for children three years of age through adult beginning June 8th.

A new class, Intro to Aqua Arthritis is scheduled for Monday, June 8th. The free class will be taught by Pat Cox who is certified by the Arthritis Foundation. It's an excellent class for those living with arthritis, impaired joint motion and decreased strength. The number of participants will determine whether a full session of classes will be offered.

The Sailfish Swim Team is accepting registrations and a Meet the Coaches Night is planned for May 13th. All prospective swimmers and their parents are encouraged to attend to meet Coach Weber and learn about the program, practice and meet schedule and fund raising opportunities. Those in attendance will receive a free bumper sticker to promote the team. The Sailfish will again be operating the pool concession stand. It will open for the season on June 2nd and will operate Mondays through Saturdays 1pm – 4pm.

- Fitness Instructor James Smith resigned from his position in April. Mr. Smith had been with the department for fifteen years and was a very knowledgeable and well liked member of the fitness team. Applications are being accepted to fill the position.

- City Service and U returns this year, the week of June 15th – 19th. This program offers children 5th through 8th grade an opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at the various City Departments. The cost is \$5 for the week long program. Club Rec will also be offering a Swimming at the Cinema – Pool Party on June 26th 8 – 10pm.
- The following upcoming dates of interest were noted:
 - a) 3rd Grade Health Fair – May 15th
 - b) Pool Opens – May 23rd
 - c) Memorial Day – May 25th SCC closed, pool open 1 – 5pm