

Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Daryl Dennie, Doug Stahlgren, Meghan Wisecup and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the April 2016 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the spring sports season was progressing well. Soccer games began April 9th, baseball on April 16th, softball April 23rd, and coach's pitch and t-ball on April 30th. Spring sports teams pictures were on Sunday, April 17th. Registration for fall soccer began on May 1st. The program for allowing first time youth sport enrollees to participate without being required to purchase a Community Center Membership has been instituted.

The plans are in place for the Burt-Manis Men's Softball Tournament on June 11th. Registrations should begin to come in as we get closer to the date.

Staff is compiling the information from the CAP survey and should have it available soon. The CAP committee is meeting on June 26th at 6pm to discuss the survey results. The Recreation Commission members are invited to attend.

Plans are now underway for the Club Rec Superstitious Party on Friday May 13th. They will learn about superstitions and participate in activities to change their luck. Snacks and refreshments are provided. Plans are also in the works for City Service & U coming up the week of June 20th.

- The This & That program presented the second half of The Cincinnati Story on Thursday, April 14th. The Cincinnati Museum Center continued the story into the 20th century as the city responded to two world wars, the depression, a changing world economy and all that made Cincinnati what it is today. On May 5th in advance of Mother's Day, story teller Rita Witherspoon will tell about Queen Elizabeth, known to many as Queen Mum, the most beloved royal figure in British history.

May 12th seniors will gather at the multipurpose court to create paintball art. Everyone will get a chance to add color to the abstract artwork.

Seniors will have their annual Putt Putt Golf outing on May 19th at Eagle Tee Golf.

The seniors will take a "Sentimental Journey" on May 27th as a presenter from the Cincinnati Museum Center explores the careers of Doris Day and Rosemary Clooney. They will learn through pictures and stories how these two women began their careers in Cincinnati and became well known in the entertainment industry.

Springdale's Gone Wild will present "Natures Myth or Fact" on June 28th. You can test your knowledge as the Naturalist from Great Parks of Hamilton County tries to stump the audience.

- The annual Arbor Day ceremonies took place on Friday, April 29th at Heritage Hill Elementary at 11:10am and at Springdale Elementary at 1pm. Students from both schools took part in the program singing songs about trees. A Northern Red Oak was planted at Heritage Hill and a Lacebark Elm at Springdale School courtesy of the Springdale Garden Club. Mayor Webster presented a proclamation recognizing Springdale's 24th years as a Tree City USA.
- The annual Third Grade Health Fair will take place on Friday, May 13th. All 3rd grade classes in the Princeton School District are invited as well as the local private schools. There are over twenty booths sharing information on health and safety. This is a joint effort by the Springdale and Sharonville Recreation Departments, the Springdale Health Department, and Princeton City Schools Nurse.
- All 4 Gate attendants and 16 Lifeguard positions have been filled. Pre-season pool work has begun in preparation for the May 28th opening. The orientation for the pool staff will be May 7th. Staff plans to fill the pool the week of May 8th and begin circulating and treating the water. Swim lesson registration began May 1st.

Registration began May 1st for the Sailfish Swim Team. They will have "Meet the Coach" on May 11th.

Aqua Arthritis classes will be offered beginning June 6th. The class is designed for adults who are living with arthritis, impaired joint motion, decreased strength or stiffness.

- A candidate has been identified for the open Part-time Secretary position and pending a successful background check will begin employment soon.

Chappell Kelley of our Park Patrol has resigned. He has found fulltime employment with Western & Southern. The position has been posted.

Part-time Customer Service Assistant Brooke Singleton has notified us that she will be going back to school in the fall and plans to resign effective July 3rd. The position will be posted.

All Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions have been filled.

The Recreation Programmer position is now being advertised. Applications and resumes will be accepted at the Municipal Building until 4:30pm on May 6th.

- The Springdale Elementary PTA will have a color run on Saturday May 7th in conjunction with their carnival. They will have it on the walking path around field 3, 4, 5 & 6. The PTA has provided a certificate of insurance naming the City as additionally insured.
- The Willow Neighborhood Block Party will take place at Chamberlain Park on Saturday, May 7th, 1 – 4pm. There will be a number of tables set up by city departments and social service providers. Free food and drinks will be provided. The soccer field at the park has been set up and will be made available for pick up games.

- The annual Bike Safety Program will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, May 22nd, from 10am – 2pm. The Police, Fire and Recreation Departments will participate in the event. The public will be offered the opportunity to have their bike registered by the Police Department to assist in its recovery if lost or stolen. Free bike helmets will be available with a registration. Personnel will be there to inspect bikes for safety problems and to perform simple repairs.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Auxiliary Gym will be screen sanded and finished free of charge by a gym floor finish distributor as part of a product demonstration and training on May 4th.
- Mr. Karle announced the dates of the following upcoming events
 - a) Willows Neighborhood Block Party – May 7th
 - b) 3rd Grade Health Fair – May 13th
 - c) Bike Safety Program – May 22nd
 - d) Pool Opens for Season – May 28th
 - e) Burt –Manis Men’s Softball Tournament – June 11th & 12th
 - f) Neighborhood Yard Sales – August 13th
 - g) Document Shredding – August 20th
 - h) Junior Olympics – August 27th
 - i) Community Bash – September 10th