

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
May 2, 2017

On Tuesday, May 2, 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, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the April 2017 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle noted that all of the spring sports teams had begun playing games. Picture day was held Saturday morning, but unfortunately, indoors due to the rain. Registration has begun for fall soccer and the fall volleyball league. The street banner and yard signs are in place and flyers will go out to local schools and churches on May 14. Ms. Casselman suggested adding volleyball to the sports banner and clarifying how it is announced on the website.

Staff was involved, working with the Vineyard Church and the Health Department on the Spring Sports Camp that took place at Heritage Hill School. Recreation Programmer, John Wagner was very active in planning and managing the activities of the camp. The camp was well received, attracting between 60 and 130 children each day.

The start of the Coed Softball league has been pushed back to May 9th in hopes of forming a 4th team to have enough teams for them to play.

- Fourteen of our seniors enjoyed Easter Craft Day by making Easter eggs and rabbits out of colorful ribbon.

The "This & That" program in April, "Crosley Field Remembered" attracted twenty-two members who heard all about Crosley Field and the great players and memorable events that happened there.

The May 18th "This and That" program will feature a representative from United Family Services who will discuss how to handle money, probate, taxes, social security and nursing homes.

The Springdale Garden Club will be at the Center on May 25th to help the seniors create center pieces for their Red, White and Blue Luncheon which will be held the next day.

Technology 101 returns in June. Individuals can make an appointment for private instruction on the favorite electronic device on Saturday mornings in the month of June. The cost is \$3.

- The Tai Chi class had a great turnout for its demo day with 28 participants and subsequent classes have continued to have good attendance. It was scheduled to be a 6 week class but, due to its popularity, it will be continued into the summer.

The May Walk is scheduled for May 17th 11am – 1pm on the outdoor track (weather permitting, indoors if inclement). Participants are encouraged to walk 1-mile and will receive free light refreshments and healthy snacks.

There will be an intern available this summer primarily working in the fitness center. Hailey Martin is a junior at Ohio Northern University studying Exercise Physiology and a resident of Springdale.

- The City commemorated Arbor Day with ceremonies at Heritage Hill School and Springdale Elementary on Friday. Children from the schools sang songs themed to Arbor Day and Brandy Blaylock of the Springdale Garden club spoke. Mayor Webster also spoke and presented a proclamation honoring the City's 25th year as a Tree City USA. The Garden Club donated trees to each school to commemorate Arbor Day.
- The entire aquatics staff has been hired including 4 Gate Attendants, 17 lifeguards, Aquatics Director and Asst. Aquatics Director. The maintenance staff has been doing routine patching and touch up painting in the pool and Charlie Wilson, Sharon Brooks and Ben Carnahan are working in the pump room preparing for the May 27th opening.

The Sailfish hired Ben Carnahan as the new Head Coach and Jesse Kufeldt as Assistant Coach. They will have a Meet the Coaches Night on Wednesday May 10 and pre-season practice begins on May 30. Registration has begun for Sailfish swimmers.

Cardio Splash begins June 8 on Saturdays 11am – 12pm and Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30pm

Regular season hours, swim team early morning practices and swim lessons begin on June 5.

Once again, the Sailfish will operate the pool concession stand Monday – Saturday, beginning June 5th.

Family Fun Day is scheduled for June 18th beginning at 2pm.

Springdale will host the N.S.S.L. Swim Championships this year on July 17th & 18th

Gold Fish Swim will be Saturday, August 12th at noon.

- The Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker who was recently hired has resigned. The position is posted. All Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions have been filled.

An individual has been selected for the open Customer Service Assistant position and is currently undergoing a background check. There is also an opening for the Teen Advisor position, created with the reassignment of Sharon Brooks to Aquatics Director.

- The Community Center Walking Path Overlay and Repair Project is essentially complete. The contractor did an excellent job, but there are a few of areas identified that the contractor will need to return and correct.

The project to resurface the tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts at the Community Center has begun. They have repaired all the cracks and low areas and are now applying the four coats of surface finisher.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The annual Third Grade Health Fair will take place on Friday, May 12. All 3rd grade classes in the Princeton School District are invited as well as the local private schools. There will be over twenty booths sharing information on health and safety. This is a joint effort by the Springdale and Sharonville Recreation Departments and the Springdale Health Department.
- The 2nd annual Heritage Hill Block Party will be held on Saturday, May 20.
- Mayor Webster will be laying a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial on Friday, May 26 at 2pm to honor those veterans who gave their life in service of our country.
- The Community Center will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. The pool will be open from 1 – 5pm.
- Mr. Brooks commented about the numerous help wanted signs posted in businesses throughout the community and asked about the possibility of hosting a job fair at the Community Center. Mayor Webster stated that the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Director may also have an interest in being involved with a job fair.