

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

On Tuesday, May 1, 2018, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Daryl Dennie, Rob Hormann, Doug Stahlgren and Michelle Miller. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the April 2018 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that soccer, baseball and softball games have begun at all levels. Registration began today for youth fall soccer and volleyball.

The Men's Golf League has ten teams competing this year at the Mill Course at Winton Woods. Staff is going to try to start a corn hole league this fall. Registration will begin July 1 with league play starting in September.

- Technology 101 returns May 5, 12 & 26. You can get forty-five minutes of private instruction on your electronic device for only \$3.

Open Pickleball will be offered in May and June, Tuesday evenings 5:30 - 7:30pm.

The "This & That" program on May 10 will celebrate national ice cream month. Seniors will make their own sundae while enjoying an ice cream trivia game.

The May luncheon will be "Circus – Part 1" on May 23. They will hear all about the fascinating life of P.T. Barnum and the history of the Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Coming up this summer there are craft days in June and August as well as Lunch & Lawn Games on June 6. Seniors will have an opportunity to visit Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum to learn all about their history and heritage. Finally, in July and August the "This & That" series has programs scheduled including a presentation on University of Cincinnati's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

- The City recognized Arbor Day on Friday with ceremonies at Heritage Hill Elementary School in the morning and Springdale Elementary in the afternoon. The children sang songs related to trees and the Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing Springdale as a Tree City USA. The Springdale Garden Club donated a tree planted at each school.
- Sixteen lifeguards and four gate attendants have been hired. The Aquatics Director and the Asst. Aquatics Director are both returning this year so we look forward to having a very experienced staff this summer. The annual orientation meeting for the aquatics staff will be on Saturday, May 12 in preparation for the opening on May 26. Registration is underway for swim lessons. Classes are available for ages 3 through adult.

There will be three special event days at the pool this summer. There will be a Family Fun Day in June, a return of the Cardboard Regatta in July and of course the Goldfish Swim to wrap up the season in August.

Registration began today for the Sailfish Swim Team. They have a Meet the Coach Night planned for May 23.

Cardio splash will be offered again this year on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is a high energy, low impact water workout. It's fun and refreshing and open to all ages and fitness levels.

- All four Seasonal Parks Maintenance positions have been filled.

The open Customer Service Assistant position has been filled by Cynthia Williams. She is a Springdale resident, retired from a career as a registered nurse and a clinical instructor of behavioral health at Northern Kentucky University.

Recently, Lisa Martinez resigned her part-time Customer Service Assistant position. Staff is reviewing the applicants from the recent process.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle said that the Springdale Resident Guide should have arrived in homes this past week. There is also a Spanish version and both will be available on the website. Copies will be available at City offices, through realtors, at apartment complex rental offices, select businesses and mailed to new residents.

The Recreation Department's annual Program Guide is going to print this week and should arrive in homes in early May.

City Council recently passed legislation to permit the portable electronic sign for announcing City events. Staff has researched various products and is close to making a decision on the purchase.

- The annual Third Grade Health Fair will take place on Friday, May 18. 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, the Springdale Health Department and Princeton School nurses. The department will have two booths one promoting safety around the water and another related to physical fitness.
- The Springdale Garden Club and the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Region 4 will present a Spring Garden Show at the Community Center on Saturday, May 19 & 20. Judging will occur Saturday morning 11am – 1pm. The show will be open to the public 1 – 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday, 1 – 5pm. Region 4 represents Butler, Hamilton, Clermont and Brown Counties.
- Mayor Webster will be laying a wreath with the assistance of a local veteran on Friday, May 25 at 1pm.
- Memorial Day – May 28 the Community Center is closed, the pool is open 1pm – 5pm.
- This summer there will be two concerts in the amphitheater. Lt. Dan's New Legs will perform on Thursday, June 21 7:30 – 9pm. They are a very popular band playing country, dance, R & B/ Soul and Rock. My Girl Friday will appear on August 2, performing popular 80's, 90's and 2k Rock & Pop favorites. SYB will be grilling and offering soft drinks and beer concessions.

- Mr. Karle announced the dates for some of the major events coming up this summer including the Neighborhood Yard Sales August 11th, Document Shredding Event August 18th, Junior Olympics, August 25th and the Springdale Community Bash September 8th.
- Mayor Webster shared with the Commission information on the status of the hotel site and the development of GE Park.