

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Gene Burt, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the October 2014 meeting were tabled.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle informed the commission that the youth soccer teams completed their season on October 25th. Unfortunately there were no teams that placed in their league. Late registration continues for winter youth sports of basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. Practices started this week with games beginning December 6th for grades 2 – high school. It is expected that there will be seventeen teams this year after the junior high and high school teams make their cuts. There are currently 13 children registered for cheerleading. Youth volleyball practices will begin in December with games starting in mid January. It is anticipated that there will be 6 teams, same as last year.

SYB has decided to step away from recycling uniforms every year. They are going to purchase uniforms yearly so participants can keep them. This was prompted when last year the size selection was limited and a number of participants were force to wear uniforms that were not properly sized. They have also found a vendor that will provide the uniforms at a very attractive price. SYB is also considered raising the sports registration fee by \$5. Their fund raising efforts have not been keeping pace with the increased cost of league and officials fees and uniforms. The organization conducted elections at their October meeting. The officers are: President, Sharon Brooks, Vice President, Meghan Thompson, Secretary, Megan Sullivan-Wisecup and Treasurer, Becky Horsley. The date for the annual Cinema Horse Races has been set as February 28th.

- October 22nd the department hosted the Hamilton County Chair Volleyball League end of season social. Over 100 participants on teams throughout greater Hamilton County enjoyed games, snacks and refreshments.

The Cincinnati Art Museum will present the November “This & That” program on November 13th. They will present works from famous Cincinnati artists and discuss Cincinnati’s rich cultural heritage.

Again this year, Adult/Senior Programmer, Donna Lanter will be managing the “Giving Tree” in the lobby of the Community Center. Individuals wishing to support the less fortunate in Springdale can select an ornament from the tree and purchase the item written on the back. The item is to be dropped off at the Community Center by December 5th. This project is done in partnership with the SOS organization Adopt a Family program.

The seniors will return to Vincenzo’s Ristorante Italiano to celebrate the holidays with good food and entertainment on Friday, December 5th. Entertainer Dale Fetick will perform holiday classics. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. Reservations and payment must be made by November 28th.

- The Springdale Chamber of Commerce's Business and Community Expo took place October 21st. The public was given an opportunity to learn a little more about local businesses, community organizations and city departments. Also that day in the Auxiliary Gym the Health Department held their flu clinic. The public also had an opportunity not only get their flu shot, but also to take advantage of other health screenings.
- Over seventy children enjoy Monster Mania Halloween Carnival on Sunday October 26th. There were Halloween themed games and activities, a costume contest and treats. Club Rec ran the games and offered a haunted room tour for the children.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The City will honor our veterans on Tuesday, November 11th at the Veterans Memorial at 1pm. The Springdale Elementary 4th graders will be singing. World War 2 veteran Homer Wilson will sing the National Anthem and Springdale resident and Princeton graduate Sgt. Todd Sams will provide the invocation. The guest speaker will be Major Montigo Hawkins, Iraq and Afghanistan veteran and current Battalion Operations Officer of the Army Reserve Center in Sharonville. Mayor Webster will be laying the wreath with local veteran Harold Redden.
- The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Monday, December 1st. at 7:30pm. Springdale Elementary 1st and 2nd graders will be bringing in the holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols. There will be a visit by Santa and treats and refreshments are provided.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- a) Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th, 1pm**
- b) Thanksgiving Day – November 27th, closed**
- c) Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 1st, 7:30pm**