

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 1, 2016

On Tuesday, November 1, 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, Sharon Casselman and Daryl Dennie. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the October 2016 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle informed the commission that the fall soccer regular season had concluded the past Saturday. Both the boy's passers and boy's wings teams finished as runner up in their league and will be competing in the SAY Ohio Area State Tournament.

Registrations are still being accepted for basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 17 basketball teams this year. Games begin December 3rd for grades 2 – high school and in January for instructional teams. There will be a Basketball Players Skills and Drills Clinic on November 12th, 10am – noon for children age 7 – 12. The clinic will be conducted by our coaches, and at the conclusion a coach from Princeton High School will talk about hard work, dedication, and what it takes to make their team.

Adult Racquetball League and Women's Volleyball League registration will begin November 15th

The youth boosters voted in the following officers for next year, Rob Horman President, Sharon Brooks, Vice President, Renee Jacobs, Secretary, and Orlando Garcia, Treasurer. They are working on a membership drive for November and December. Calls will go out to parents who checked "yes" they are interested in SYB on the sports registration form. The Gene Burt and Gene Nell families have both been contacted in regard to the Youth Sport Hall of Fame induction on January 6th. The annual Cinema Horse Races have been scheduled for February 25th.

- The Cincinnati Museum Center presented "Cincinnati's Chili Families" Twenty-seven seniors attended and enjoyed 3, 4 or 5 ways afterwards.

The "This & That" program will honor Veterans Day with a presentation about Arlington Cemetery and how it became one of the nation's most honored resting places on November 10th. The following week on November 17th a representative from Newcomer Funeral Homes will provide information on preplanned funerals and final arrangements.

Technology 101 is back on Saturday mornings November 12th – 26th. Forty-five minutes of private instruction is available for a variety of electronic devices at the nominal price of only \$3.

A Giving Tree will be placed in the Community Center to help support the Springdale Offering Support Holiday Adopt a Family program. All gifts must be returned to the Community Center by December 2nd.

The annual seniors Holiday Luncheon will be held Thursday, December 8th at Vincenzo's. There will be festive holiday music, good food and fellowship. Reservations must be made by November 28th.

- October 8th Club Rec held a scavenger hunt and bonfire at the Community Center. There were 28 youth who participated in the evening's fun. There were four new children who joined Club Rec since this event. Club Rec also assisted with Monster Mania by running games. They also decorated and ran a haunted room, providing tours during the event.
- Custodian, Paul Vosseberg has returned to duty after a six week medical leave.

Customer Service Assistant, Pam Phillips has found fulltime employment and will now serve as a sub in that position. Springdale resident, Linda Lockard has been hired to fill that position. She retired from a career with Fluor Daniel and is currently in training.

Don Slaughter will be retiring from his position on Park Patrol at the end of the year. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service. The position has been posted.

- The second annual Father Daughter Dance was very successful this year with 122 fathers and daughters enjoying the evening. They danced, enjoy pizza, soft drinks and ice cream floats and all received a keepsake photo. Neusole Glassworks kindly donated a glass rose and a \$250 gift card for a glass working class to be given away as a door prize.
- The Springdale Chamber of Commerce presented their Business and Community Expo on October 18th. Attendance appeared to be up this year as people came out to learn more about area businesses, city departments and to enjoy some chili. The same day the Health Department hosted their Flu Clinic/ Health Fair. In addition to flu shots, they offered glucose and hearing screenings and blood pressure checks.
- Thirty-five residents including fifteen members of our local Cub Scout troop enjoyed the Springdale's Gone Wild program "Guess Who" on October 25th. A naturalist from Great Parks of Hamilton County brought three beautiful owls as part of her presentation.
- The children's Halloween event, Monster Mania was held Saturday, 2 – 4pm. There were 67 children in attendance which was down from last year's number of 92 but about the same as 2014 when there were 68 children. Thank you to the Lions Club for sponsoring the event this year.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Work continues on the tennis court fence. It is hoped that they will finish up this week. It will be too late this year to do the resurfacing work however.

The contractor has begun work on the fabrication of the Auxiliary Gym HVAC platform. They should complete their work by the end of November and then the HVAC contractor can begin their work.

- The Parks and Recreation Department was recognized by the Miami Valley Risk Management Association (City's insurance pool) for a Zero Loss Year in 2015. The staff will be rewarded for their outstanding safety record with a free lunch on Thursday.
- Three precincts will vote in the Auxiliary Gym on Tuesday November 8th.
- The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at 1pm, Friday November 11th at the memorial. The Springdale Elementary 4th graders will be singing and the guest speaker will be US Army First Lieutenant Lance Mattingly.
- The City's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Monday, November 28th, 7pm at the Municipal Building. The Springdale Elementary first grade students will sing carols to help officially begin the holiday season. There will of course be a visit from Santa and treats and refreshments to follow.