

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

On Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 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 Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the September 2017 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the youth soccer regular season concluded at the end of October. Three teams qualified for the Ohio Area State Tournament held November 11 & 12 and 18 & 19. Those participating teams are league champions Girls Passers (Danielle Little), Boys Passers (Brandon Markwell) and league runner up Boys Wings (Orlando Garcia).

Winter sports registration began on September 1 and continues with late registration until all the teams are filled. This includes youth basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. It is anticipated that there will be 18 basketball teams (up one from last season) and it is still too early for numbers for volleyball and cheerleading.

SYB – The Movie Night on September 22 was very successful with over 100 children and parents in attendance. They sold concessions and glow sticks, profiting over \$400. SYB elected officers at their October meeting - Regina Shroyer President, Danielle Little Vice President, Chris Mayborg Treasurer, and Maria Coon Secretary.

Registration began November 1 for Women's Volleyball and Adult Racquetball leagues, with games beginning in January.

- The Active Aging Week, the last week of September provided an exciting series of programs designed to promote a healthy lifestyle for seniors. Fitness Center Manager, Jay Dennis and Adult/Senior Programmer, Donna Lanter, worked very hard on this program and have seen it grow over the past few years from 200 participants the first year to over 400 this year.

The seniors enjoyed an Oktoberfest Luncheon on October 12. They had sauerbraten over noodles with potato pancakes and of course German Chocolate cake. Sally and Joe Lukasik provided the entertainment.

The always-popular Halloween Bingo returned on October 31. The seniors enjoyed dressing in costume and playing Halloween themed bingo games, competing for prizes and munching on special treats.

The "This & That" program for November is titled "Do Pigs Fly? Only in Cincinnati". The Cincinnati Museum Center will present this program on how Cincinnati in 1835 gained the nickname of Porkopolis and from pig pens to the dinner plate how pigs helped build Cincinnati.

Seniors can take a road trip to Neusole Glassworks in Forest Park on November 30 for a glass blowing demonstration. They will also have an opportunity to create a beautiful snowman or Christmas tree.

The seniors annual Holiday Luncheon will be December 1 at Snow's Lakeside Tavern. They will enjoy great food and festive Christmas music.

A Giving Tree will be up in the lobby as the seniors assist Springdale Offering Support in their efforts to provide gifts for less fortunate families in our community. The tree is decorated with ornaments listing a gift wish on the back. Participants select an ornament, sign it out at the front desk, purchase the item and return it to the Community Center.

- Volunteers with the Club Rec group assisted with the Family Mud Quest obstacles. They had their Bonfire, Scavenger Hunt & Welcome Party on Saturday, October 7, 6-8pm. In addition to the scavenger hunt, they enjoyed pizza and s'mores. Club Rec completed the month by helping out in running games at Monster Mania and created a haunted room, providing tours during the event.
- The ComeUnity Bash was held on September 9. This year the bands were moved to the amphitheater and there were additional family type games on the basketball court. The very popular Cincinnati Circus presented their act with new features including a high wire act and Wheel of Destiny. The petting zoo featured over thirty animals was open 3 – 7pm. There were three bands in the amphitheater, Safire Express at 3pm, the Danny Frazier Band at 5pm and 2nd Wind taking the stage at 7:30pm. Virtually all of the local service organizations were back, selling food and refreshments. The event was very well attended and there were no significant incidents or injuries to report.

The fifth edition of the Family Mud Quest took place before the ComeUnity Bash. Participants slopped their way through a muddy obstacle course, crawling through mud pits, over hay bales and down slippery slopes. Those who registered before September 3 and completed the course received a souvenir tee shirt. There were 120 pre-registered and another 28 showed up that day to run the course, the largest number of participants to date. Mr. Stahlgren said he stopped by and ran the course and observed it to be a very good event.

- Silver Sneakers Flex is back on Wednesdays at 11:30am. It is a low impact cardio and strength class designed to improve muscular endurance and cardio stamina. The class is free to Silver Sneakers members and \$3 for non- Silver Sneakers members.

Country Western Line Dancing is offered Thursdays at 1pm. Singles and couples are welcome.

The Fitness Center has obtained a new elliptical climber to replace a unit that was 17 years old and failing.

- Parks Maintenance Supervisor Bob Young retired at the end of September after over 10 years of service. He has been an excellent leader in the Parks Department and we wish him well in his retirement. Jason Waxman has been promoted to fill this position. Mr. Waxman is a lifelong resident of Springdale and has been employed by the City as a fulltime Maintenance Worker for over fourteen years as well as seven years prior as a Seasonal Maintenance Worker. During his tenure, he has taken the initiative to obtain Bachelors of Arts degrees in Sociology and Organizational Leadership and possess a number of relevant certifications.

Part-time Facility Supervisor John Ramp retired from his position with the City at the end of September. Fitness Instructor Jimmy Harrod has been assigned to this position. We are very grateful for Mr. Ramp's nearly 15 years of service to the department and the city.

Park Patrol member John Coulson has obtained fulltime employment with the Warren County Correctional Institute and will be resigning in November. Applications are being accepted for this position.

Two members of the fitness staff have recently resigned. Casey Collins has obtained a full-time position at the RC Durr YMCA in Northern Kentucky managing their fitness center. John Mathis has accepted a full-time position with The Judson Care Center, following his career path as an Occupational Therapist. Three new fitness staff members have been hired. Amanda Hines has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Athletic Training from Otterbein College and is currently working to obtain a group fitness instructor certificate in Crossfit. She is also employed full-time at Anthem. Nick Newport is a student at Xavier University studying Exercise Science. He plans to continue his education there toward a Masters in Athletic Training. Brittany Barrett has a Bachlors of Arts in Sociology from UC and an Associates degree in Health Fitness from Cincinnati State. She is also a certified ACE Health Coach and Group Fitness certified. She is also employed full-time at the Hartwell Community Center as a Recreation Program Leader.

Adult/Senior Programmer Donna Lanter will be retiring from her position November 30. She has done an outstanding job for the department and we wish her well in her retirement. Applications have been received, interviews conducted and a candidate identified. She is currently in the background check process.

Administrative Assistant Janet Rudemiller will be on medical leave through the end of the year.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The youth boosters hosted their annual Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, October 21. In attendance were 146 daughters and dads primed for a fun night of dancing. The evening began with a father-daughter photo op; participants then made their way to the Auxiliary Gym for pizza, music, dancing and drinks from a fruit punch fountain. Additionally SYB served ice cream floats and had a drawing for various gift certificates. Daughters left the event with a balloon and butterfly wings. SYB raised over \$500 at the dance.
- The annual Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Expo took place on Tuesday, October 10. As in the past, area businesses, community organizations and City departments shared information and explained the services they offer. The always-popular Chili Cook-off was also held and I am happy to report that the Parks & Recreation Department won the “People’s Choice Award” thanks to Jay Dennis’s culinary expertise. The same day, the Health Department offered their Flu Clinic/Health Fair in the Auxiliary Gym.
- The Monster Mania Halloween event took place on Saturday, October 28, 2-4pm. Over 100 children age two through 4th grade participated in Halloween themed games and activities. Club Rec volunteers assisted with the activities and created a haunted room for the children to explore.
- The Parks & Recreation Department was recognized by the Miami Valley Risk Management Association for having zero insurance losses in 2016. This is the second consecutive year the department has received this recognition.
- The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 10 at 1pm. The guest speaker this year is Colonel John McKaye. He is a highly decorated veteran and Commander of the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group at Wright Patterson AFB. As in, the past students from Springdale Elementary will be singing patriotic songs.
- The lighting of the City’s Christmas tree will be Monday, November 27, 7pm at the Municipal Building. Students from Springdale Elementary will sing carols, there will be a visit from Santa and refreshments will follow.

- Mr. Karle said that he had received a request from the Springdale Garden Club for the use of the Auxiliary Gym on May 18 & 19 to host the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Region 4 Flower Show. They would also need access to the gym on Friday, May 17 in the afternoon to set up for the show and use of the Arts & Craft room and kitchen. They would need 40 – 50 tables in the gym. Region 4 covers Brown, Butler, Clermont and Hamilton Counties and has approximately 300 members. The show is open to the public. Mayor Webster commented on the various projects and programs that the Garden Club does within the community. The request for use of the Auxiliary Gym, kitchen and Arts & Crafts room was approved.
- Mr. Karle stated that the Commission would need to nominate individuals for induction to the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame at the Winter Sports Rally on Friday, January 5. The Commission voted to induct Marvin Martin, Sandy Dunn and Sharon Casselman at the Winter Youth Sports Pep Rally on January 5.
- Mayor Webster noted that it was planned in the 2018 budget that there be a concert in the park scheduled early in the summer in the amphitheater. If successful, another would follow later in the summer.
- Mr. Stahlgren asked if there was any further information on proposed projects including a splash pad, picnic shelter or dog park. Mayor Webster responded that they are in the 5-year plan and are dependent on the future financial resources in the City.
- Mr. Hormann shared some information about the Springdale Youth Boosters and their recent success in recruiting new members and new ideas for fundraisers. He also said that the organization was considering changing their name to help signify a new beginning.