

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Rob Hormann, Michelle Miller, Lori Merz, and Josh Monson. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the September 2019 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- **Sports Programming**

Mr. Karle noted that the fall soccer season passed the half-way point and is progressing well. A tournament will be held the first two weeks in November for the top two teams in each division that qualify.

The youth volleyball regular season ends October 13 with a tournament on October 19 & 20 for which all teams qualify.

Winter youth sports registration continues for basketball and cheerleading. Registration numbers seem to be on track with last year, but it is still too early to speculate on the number of teams or players. Practices begin the first week of November and games begin in December.

Springdale will most likely need to move to a new youth softball league for the 2020 season, the Eastern Hills League Recreation Girls Softball League (EHL). Over the last few years, we have seen a decrease in the number of teams per age level in our current league. With Sharonville leaving last year, the league was down to five teams for U10, 4 teams for U12, and seven teams for U14. When speaking recently with Wyoming, we were informed they are also likely to leave the G.I.R.L. league and considering joining the EHL. With Wyoming leaving next year, this will leave the G.I.R.L. league with even fewer teams per age group, to the point where some age groups may need to be canceled. Additionally, we have a concern with the current league's lack of organization.

Our teams will have little adjustment when joining this league, as the EHL offers the same age levels and follows very similar rules as the current league. We would like to move forward with joining the EHL so our girls have a viable league to play in for the 2020 season.

In its first year, the Adult Cornhole league is going very well. There are seven teams with a total of 14 individuals participating.

Registration begins November 1 for Adult Racquetball and Women's Volleyball leagues. Both begin play in January.

Mr. Karle shared a report detailing the various youth, teen, adult, and senior programs offered throughout the year by the Recreation Department and their monthly attendance numbers.

- **Adult/Senior Programming**

Active Aging week began on Monday and is off to a great start. Over 75 seniors attended the opening luncheon where Cammy Dierking spoke on how to be active as we get older. The week continues with social, educational, and physical programs to help seniors remain active.

Coming up October 11, Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIP) will share information about changes in Medicare in 2020 as well as pros and cons of various plans. They will also discuss Ohio's "Extra Help" program for low-income seniors.

On October 17, we are collaborating with Springdale Fire Department to provide a CPR/AED course.

On October 31, we will have our annual Halloween costume parade and contest followed by bingo games and prizes for all.

- **Club Rec**

The Club Rec youth assisted with the obstacles at the Family Mud Quest on September 7 and plans are in the works for their Fall Fest scavenger hunt/bonfire event Saturday, October 5, 6 – 8pm. They will again create and run a haunted house at the Monster Mania Halloween carnival on October 26.

- **Community Bash/Mud Quest**

The seventh annual ComeUnity Bash and Mud Quest were held on September 7. The weather was excellent and a good crowd turned out and everyone appeared to have a good time. The Mud Quest event filled up again this year with 120 individuals entered.

- **Personnel**

Josh King recently resigned from his part-time Fitness Instructor position. Due to scheduling conflicts with school and his other part-time jobs. An individual has been identified to fill the part-time Teen Advisor position and she is currently in the background check process. Applications are being accepted for part-time Custodian, part-time Parks Maintenance Worker, and part-time Fitness Instructor.

- **Business & Community Expo/Flu Clinic**

The Springdale Chamber of Commerce presented their Business & Community Expo this afternoon, 11am – 2pm. Area businesses and City Departments were represented. There was also a chili cook off with free samples for the public. The Springdale Health Department held their annual Health Fair/Flu Clinic, noon – 2pm.

- **SOS Euchre Tournament**

Unfortunately, there were not sufficient pre-registrations for the Springdale Offering Support Euchre Tournament so the event was canceled for this year.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- **Father-Daughter Dance**

The youth boosters will present their Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, October 19, 6 – 8pm. The cost is \$25 per couple (\$5 each additional girl). They will enjoy dancing, food and building memories.

- **Monster Mania**

Monster Mania Halloween carnival will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2 – 4pm for children age 2 – 4th grade. There will be Halloween themed games and activities. Club Rec will be designing a haunted room for tours during the event.

- **Veterans Day Ceremony**

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be Monday, November 11, 1pm at the Veterans Memorial. The speaker this year will be Captain Jim Meyers. He served as an officer in the US Marine Corps during the Vietnam War era, rising to the rank of Captain in three years. During his time in Vietnam, he served during the famous Tet Offensive and Counter Offensive of 1967 and '68, from An Hoa (ann-wah) to Hue (way) in the most decorated Marine Infantry Regiment in Marine Corps history, the 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, of the 1st Marine Division. His personal service and that of his unit has been memorialized by author Lucia Viti (Loo-chia Vee-tee)'s book, Dr. Tom's War: A Daughter's Journey. Following his military service, Jim Served as a Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service with two US Presidents, and subsequently finished a 20 year medical device career at the executive level in private industry, wherein he holds 4 patents dealing with implantable biomaterials for reconstructing human tissue. He has served on boards of directors in industry, religious and charity organizations and is currently active in several service organizations, such as the Marine Corps League, the American Legion, and the Association of Former Agents of the U.S. Secret Service, US Hostile Response Consultants and The Blue Ash Civic League. A graduate of Gettysburg College, Jim and his wife of 42 years- Susan, have raised 6 children and reside in neighboring Blue Ash, Ohio.