

Parks & Recreation Commission
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

On Tuesday, September 4, 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, Doug Stahlgren, and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the May 2018 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle noted that the spring soccer season was highlighted by a league runner up finish by the boys wings team which they followed up with a tournament championship. The baseball and softball teams completed their season successfully, and we were very pleased to have a girl's softball team back with 16 players on the roster, representing Springdale.

Fall soccer practices have begun, games start September 4. There are ten soccer teams with 120 children participating. There will be a youth volleyball team this fall in the 3rd & 4th grade age group. This is the first time we have been able to field a team in the fall season. Registration for youth basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading began on September 1.

- The youth boosters are planning a free family movie in the amphitheater on Friday, September 21. They will be opening the concession stand. Jimmy Johns is sponsoring the movie and will be giving away free small subs to those in attendance.
- "City Service & U" was offered again this past June. Thirteen children toured the various City departments learning the responsibilities they have and the tools and equipment they utilize. The weeklong program concluded with a ceremony where they met the Mayor and enjoyed a pizza lunch.

Club Rec sponsored a pool party in July with 31 children in attendance. They swam, played games, and of course, had pizza and soft drinks.

The Club Rec kids will be assisting with the Mudquest on Saturday and plans are in the works for a Scavenger Hunt at the Community Center on October 6. They will follow clues to help them find objects in the park in their quest to win a special prize. The evening will be topped off with s'mores over a campfire.

- In addition to the twice-weekly pickle ball games held during the day, evening pickle ball was offered on Tuesday nights. It was so popular, it was continued through the summer and will be offered until the basketball practices begin.

Technology 101 returned in September. It is an opportunity to obtain 45 minutes of private instruction on your ipad, smart phone notebook, or other mobile device. The cost is \$3.

Active Aging week is coming the last week in September. It is a full week of programs and activities to celebrate active adults 50 & over and promote the benefits of leading an active, healthier lifestyle. There will be a variety of programs to meet the social, educational, and physical interests and needs of adults and seniors.

- The pool closed for the season on August 12. It was a safe summer with no significant injuries or incidents. Total attendance was 6,270. There were a total of 200 youth swim registrations and 7 adult registrations on the year. Approximately 150 people attended the Family Fun Day at the pool in June. July saw the return of the Cardboard Regatta with 12 boats entered in two divisions. The annual Goldfish Swim took place on August 12. The 1002 goldfish were released into the pool for children 12 & under to catch by hand.

Cardio Splash was offer in three sessions with an average of 8 – 10 participants per class with several days with 15 – 18 students.

The Sailfish completed their season with 55 children participating.

- Fitness Center Manager Jay Dennis resigned in August to accept the position of Recreation Supervisor with the City of Forest Park. We greatly appreciate his 10 plus years of service and wish him well in his new position. Applications were accepted, interviews conducted, and a conditional offer extended to an individual. She is currently in the background check process.

Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker Emily Diacont has submitted a letter of resignation as has part-time Fitness Instructor, Nick Newport. Both positions have been posted.

The Part-time Custodian Shawnda Gates resigned to accept a fulltime position. The position has been filled by Katie Wells. She is a lifelong resident and is currently in the training process.

- Fitness Intern Kameron Gray completed his term with the department in early August. He returns to Indiana State University to complete his final semester. He gained experience with fitness, special events, programming, and facilities that will serve him well in his future endeavors.

A squat rack was donated to the fitness center and put into service this summer.

The Teen Fit class was offered in early August with 8 participants graduating and gaining a better understanding of health and fitness.

- The department's program guide arrived in homes in May.

The portable electronic sign was put into service early in the summer and was a great aid in marketing of special events and community announcements. There were some initial issues with the computer hardware on the unit, but it was corrected promptly. The unit has been moved to 5 primary locations to distribute announcements to the entire community.

- The Lt. Dan's New Legs concert was rained out but rescheduled for late June. The 200 – 250 in attendance enjoy an outstanding performance. The second concert in the park was held on August 2 in front of a crowd of 250 – 300 people. Everyone seemed to have a great time and many compliments were received on the return of the concerts and the quality of the bands offered. The youth boosters reported excellent concession sales at both concerts.
- The annual Neighborhood Yard Sale event was held on Saturday August 11. As in the past, residents were encouraged to hold sales at their homes and take advantage of our marketing efforts. It was advertised via the street banner, electronic sign, email, posters, newspaper, and craigslist. Mr. Stahlgren reported that he observed a good number of sales in the community.

- The annual document shredding event was Saturday, August 18. It was again a huge success with a new record of 13,500 lbs. of material collected. At one point, cars were lined up through the parking lot and out on to Lawnview and the vendor had to call in an additional truck to handle the volume of material.
- The annual Junior Olympics took place on August 25. There were eight fun competitive events for boys and girls age 10 & under. Despite the rain-shortened competition, 125 children entered this year and had a great time.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- Staff is busy preparing for the Family Mud Quest event that will take place before the ComeUnity Bash. The ½-mile course will feature many of the same obstacles with a few new ones added for variety. The non-competitive event will emphasize fun, teamwork, and helping each other finish. Team members who registered by September 1 and complete the course will receive a commemorative tee shirt. All 120 spots were filled. Walkups will be permitted as time allows.
- Plans are in place for the ComeUnity Bash on Saturday. Most of the same service groups are returning with food and refreshments. The bands this year are the Dan Varner Band, The Remains, and 2nd Wind. Cincinnati Circus will also be back with their Big Show, a climbing wall, games, and strolling entertainers. The always-popular petting zoo will offer over twenty farm, zoo, and exotic animals as well as a pony ride carousel. The Youth Boosters are trying to organize a cornhole tournament but entries have been slow. They will continue to try to make a go of it right up until Saturday.
- The annual Business & Community Expo will take place on Tuesday, October 9. As in the past, area businesses, community organizations, and City departments will share information and explain the services they offer. The always-popular Chili Cook-off will also be held. The same day, the Health Department will offer their flu Clinic/Health Fair in the Auxiliary Gym.
- Springdale Offering Support will present a Euchre Tournament on Saturday, October 13, 6 – 11pm. Entry is \$25/person, \$50/couple, \$45/couple pre-registered. Appetizers are included and beverages are available for purchase. Tickets are available at the Community Center or by contacting Julie Matheny at 346-5712.
- Mayor Webster updated the Commission members on the status of road projects within the City, a new residential development plan, and the planned construction of a Home2 Suites at the old Bahama Breeze restaurant site.