

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

On Tuesday, November 6, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Daryl Dennie, Rob Hormann, Michelle Miller, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director Greg Karle.

Minutes from the October 2018 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle stated that the youth soccer regular season concluded on October 27. Both of the boy's wings teams won their leagues and will progress to the SAY State Tournament which is the 2nd and 3rd week of November in Loveland. Positive feedback was received from the volleyball coach and parents on the fall league and it appears to be a program we should continue.

Regarding winter youth sports, seventeen teams are projected for the basketball season, which is the same number as last year. Practices began this week with the games beginning December 1. Cheerleading has eleven participants up five girls from last season. Staff is working hard to get enough children for the winter volleyball league. There is still some time, as the practices are not scheduled to begin for another month. SYB does plan to operate a concession stand on Saturdays for games as they did last year.

There will be a free Basketball Skills & Drills Clinic Saturday from 10am – noon for children age 7 – 12 at the Center. Our coaches will be conducting the clinic running the children through different skill stations.

Princeton City Schools will no longer allow any organization to hand out printed communication and marketing flyers. They are now utilizing a site called Peach Jar to electronically gather and send out flyers to parents. This platform allows outside organizations and businesses to post marketing or promotional flyers for parents of a specific school to see. Flyers are posted for one month for one school for \$25, additional schools or longer periods are extra. At this time, Princeton has allowed us access free of charge, but we do not know if this will continue.

Registration is underway for the Adult Racquetball League and Women's Volleyball League. Both programs begin play in January.

- 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 Giving Tree has been placed in the lobby to support Springdale Offering Support Adopt a Family program during the holidays.

The annual Senior Holiday Luncheon is planned for Friday, December 7 with catering by Maple Knoll. Entertainment will be provided by Heather McGrath, a talented harpist who will fill the room with holiday music!

Seniors will create a holiday craft on November 13. They will make a holiday tree ornament from Christmas cards and a surprise craft provided by Glendale Place. The program is free of charge participants need only bring a pair of scissors and a 12” ruler.

The “This & That” program on November 29 is *Arthritis Pain*. Stretch Physical Therapy will help you understand if you have arthritis and if you do, how to combat its effects.

- The Club Rec group had a Scavenger Hunt & Bonfire on the grounds on October 6 with seventeen children in attendance. They teamed up to complete a scavenger hunt puzzle and afterwards enjoyed s’mores over the campfire.
- The new Fitness Center Manager Elizabeth Johnson began her employ with the department on October 29. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science and numerous professional certifications in the health and fitness industry. Additionally she has work experience in public, corporate and private fitness facilities. She most recently was employed fulltime with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati – at the Central Parkway YMCA as their Senior Program Director of Health and Wellness where she managed their fitness center, oversaw group health and fitness programs and special events.

Applications are being accepted for the position of Part-time Parks Maintenance Worker and two positions as part-time Fitness Instructor.

- Springdale Offering Support held a Euchre Tournament at the Community Center on Saturday, October 13. There were twenty-eight people competing and the organization raised approximately \$1,500 including donations. Area businesses were supportive in donating door prizes and Scotty’s Catering generously donated appetizers for the event.
- SYB presented their Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, October 20. There were 115 dads and daughters dancing to an interactive DJ, enjoying pizza, soft drinks and ice cream floats. New this year, fathers and daughters were able to have their pictures taken in a photo booth. This option provided a much more smooth process for photos than in the past.
- The annual Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Expo took place on Tuesday, October 9. 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. The same day, the Health Department offered their Flu Clinic/Health Fair in the Auxiliary Gym.

- The Monster Mania Halloween carnival was held on Saturday, October 27 with seventy children and their parents in attendance. They played Halloween themed games, participated in a costume contest and had an opportunity to tour a haunted room, created and staffed by Club Rec.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Parks & Recreation Department was recognized by the Miami Valley Risk Management Association for having zero insurance losses in 2017. This is the third consecutive year the department has received this recognition.
- The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 12 at 1pm. This will be the 100 anniversary of the end of WW1 for which the holiday was originally established. To fit the occasion, the guest speaker this year will be Cheri Brinkman, an educator from Miami University and University of Cincinnati who is a local historian working on a book about Southwest Ohio and its role in World War 1. As in the past, children from Springdale Elementary will be singing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs.
- The lighting of the City's Christmas tree will be Monday, November 26, 7pm at the Municipal Building. Students from Springdale Elementary will sing carols, there will be a visit from Santa and refreshments will follow.
- Mayor Webster briefed the Commission members on the status of the Springdale Commerce Park and noted their recent ground breaking ceremony.