MEETING MINUTES
PARKS, RECREATION, AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2015

Call to Order
Chairman David Ottinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre.

Roll Call

Members Present:	Sam Anderson, Amanda Darnell, Dan Frank, Ray Meurer, Don Moxley, David Ottinger, Martha Smiley
Members Absent:	Mike Delehaunty, John Shetterly, Val Weston
Ex Officios:	Alderman Patrick Barclay, Jeff Hutsler, Mary Kuppler
Guests:	Brita Weight, Rick Oloteo

Approval of Minutes
July 21, 2015 minutes were approved as read.

Citizen Comments
There were no citizen comments presented

Presentations
Brita Weight is the Inclusion Coordinator for several municipalities in St. Charles County. Brita has spent the last 11 years working disability challenged citizens – both children and adults, for the Parks & Recreation Departments in St. Peters, St. Charles, O'Fallon and Wentzville. Ms. Weight made an outstanding presentation on the work efforts occurring in the Parks and Recreation Departments as it relates to this important segment of our community. She shared some of the success stories that have occurred and continue to take place at the Rec-Plex and throughout the municipalities involved. The "Inclusion Program" is growing and making great progress. Because of the success of the program and the increased participation, the demands on Ms. Weight are becoming almost too big. There was discussion on possible ways to obtain additional resources and assistance from other communities. Ms. Weight is a tremendous asset to the Parks & Recreation Department and the City.

Rick Oloteo, Recreation Director for the City of St. Peters gave the Park Board and update on the Rec-Plex and its activities:

Membership at Rec-Plex is at an all time high of 4038 members and the Silver Sneakers program currently has 916 Silver Sneakers members.

With the increase of Active Older Adult members, staff has increased the type of programs available for these members. Strength and agility activities; a walking club; and Pickle Ball which is the new rage at the Rec-Plex and throughout the region. Pickleball is like playing Ping-Pong on a gym floor. Currently we have 189 Pickleball court hours per week at Rec-Plex South. The sport is great exercise for all ages, from kids to seniors. This is an especially good way to address the obesity problem. We are looking at holding our first Pickleball Tournament next April.

In August, we hosted the State Wars Inline Hockey tournament. There were 328 teams, creating 6000 hotel room nights. We have a contract to do this tournament again in 2018.

With Brita's guidance, Rec-Plex staff has learned to think out of the box when it comes to Summer Camp. Participation increased 30% from last year and we are looking at adding sports camps next year.

The City is negotiating a new 5 year contract for the Missouri State High School Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving championships.

The Board of Aldermen has approved construction of a new front entrance to Rec-Plex. Construction is on track to begin next March. The Rec-Plex will remain open during the construction. Changes will result in more handicap parking spaces closer to the entrance.

A new Superintendent Position was approved for Fiscal Year 16. The new position will be in charge of Indoor/Outdoor Recreation as well as Tot Drop, Front Desk, Community Service Officers, and Fitness.

Beginning October 1st, the Park Rangers will be moving to the Police Department. Community Service Officers will remain at Rec-Plex and Lakeside Park.

Unfinished Business

Manager's Report

Celebrate St. Peters is the weekend of September 18 & 19

The Grand Opening-Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park was held on August 12th. We already have 150 members and are receiving 6 or 7 new applications each week.

The new restroom facility at Woodlands Sports Park has been delivered. The new restroom facility at Sports Center Park is scheduled for delivery next week.

After over 40 years of operation, the Golf and Recreation Pool has been closed. The deteriorating condition of the pool; along with limited parking at the Golf Course are two major reasons the pool will not be re-opened. The two swim teams from this pool will be moved to Laurel Park. The Board of Aldermen has approved the request to plan for a new aquatic park to replace the outdoor pool. One possible location is City Centre Park behind Rec-Plex South. Once the conceptual plan and site evaluation is complete, this may be a future ballot item for voter approval.

The Board of Aldermen has also given approval to proceed with a conceptual plan for a new clubhouse and banquet center at the Golf Course. Once the conceptual plan is complete, this may also be a future ballot item for voter approval.

An aquatic splash-pad and 25 additional RV pads are being planned for 370 Lakeside Park.

The playgrounds at Woodlands Sports Park and Laurel Park are scheduled for replacement next year.

The City of St. Peters will be receiving a Distinguished Service award from the Missouri State High School Athletic Association next year. The award is to recognize the contributions the

Rec-Plex has made to State High School Athletics.

Halloween Carnival is October 24th at the HES Operations Building.

Tree Lighting Ceremony is Friday, November 20th at City Hall.

Visit with Santa at the Log Cabin is Saturday, December 5th from 1pm to 3 pm.

New Business

Martha Smiley made a recommendation the board change the start time for our meeting to 6:00 p.m. After discussion, it was decided that an earlier meeting start time was agreeable to board members. Jeff would check to make sure there were not by-law issues with changing the start time. The decision to change the time and the specific new time will be decided at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Centre.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Don Moxley
Secretary to the Parks, Recreation,
and Arts Advisory Board

Approved:

Chairperson
Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board

Member Name	Current Service Hours
Sam Anderson	52
Amanda Darnell	371
Mike Delehaunty	237
Dan Frank	183
Ray Meurer	121
Don Moxley	68
David Ottinger	771
John Shetterly	43
Martha Smiley	178
Val Weston	351