



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**PARKS, RECREATION, AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**September 21, 2010**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at St. Peters Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Ryan Easley, Christina Farel, Dan Frank, David Ottinger, Martha Smiley

Members Absent: Amanda Darnell, Brian Meisenheimer, John Scherr, Val Weston, Emily Wilkins

Ex Officios: Alderman Gus Elliott, Jeff Hutsler, Mary Kuppler

Guests: Ed Applebaum, Ken Craig

**Approval of Minutes**

August minutes were approved as read.

**Citizen Comments**

Mr. Applebaum had no comments.

Mr. Ken Craig complimented the paving and signage of the new GRG trail in Woodlands Sports Park.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Pagano was unable to attend.

**Alderman Comments**

Alderman Elliott has heard from residents of Strayhorn Drive who are pleased with the new fence and plantings around Shady Springs Park.

**Manager's Report**

Jeff and Mary have moved into their new offices in City Hall. Their new phone numbers are:

Jeff 636-477-6600 ext. 1403

Mary 636-477-6600 ext. 1319

**Parks**

St. Peters was awarded a TRIM, Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance, grant by the state to inventory the trees along our roadways.

Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at City Hall on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

GRG Trail ribbon cutting was well attended. Guests had the opportunity to walk or take a ride on golf carts to experience the new trail.

Lakeside 370 grass has been planted and is growing.

Brookmount Park improvements are finishing up and the tiles should be installed in October.

Rabbit Run Park will be replanted with native species of plants and trees on the acreage formerly the Gettemeier property, by St. Charles Community College. Chris Breitmeyer, Dean of Math, Science, & Health at the Community College is heading the project for the college. The telescope the College will install is out for bid. In addition, Eagle Scouts will be installing bat houses in the park.

Shady Springs' parking lot striping and new entrance is out for bid.

#### **Rec-Plex**

Membership continues to grow with 477 additional passes sold this year, bringing the total to 3,198 members. We have 257 gold member passes and 56 St. Charles residents have become members.

Halloween Carnival will be held at Rec-Plex South from 4-6 pm on October 23rd. Volunteers are still needed.

#### **Arts Center**

Three vendors submitted proposals for the renovation of the west wing of City Hall to house the new Arts Center. Renovations should begin in October.

#### **Chairman Comments**

Chairman Ottinger voiced his concern that the Arts Center is not being used to its fullest and proposed that the programs be expanded and diversified with the help of local businesses. His feeling was that not all residents are being included.

#### **Board Comments**

None

#### **Unfinished Business**

"Disc Golf" was deferred to the next meeting.

Dan Frank proposed that the election of board officers be moved to the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Ryan Easley and passed by the board.

#### **New Business**

Chairman Ottinger proposed choosing larger trees for the Spring Tree Give-away. The board was in agreement. The selection will be made at the next meeting.

**Misc.**

Beginning in 2011, our meetings will be held at City Hall and the new calendars will be handed out at the November meeting.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., November 16, 2010 at St. Peters Senior Center.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Martha Smiley  
Secretary to the Parks, Recreation,  
and Arts Advisory Board

Approved:



Chairperson  
Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Additional Hours Since Last Meeting</b>	<b>Total Hours to Date</b>
Amanda Darnell	-	311
Ryan Easley	2	81
Christina Farel	2	36
Dan Frank	2	99
Brian Meisenheimer	-	137
David Ottinger	4	650
John Scherr	-	28
Martha Smiley	4	101
Val Weston	-	308
Emily Wilkins	-	24