



**PARKS, RECREATION, AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Andrew Maxey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Cultural Arts Centre.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Madaline Barteau, Mike Delehaunty, Terry Lesinski, Andrew Maxey, Ray Meurer, Debbie Knoble, Mike Ring, Tom Russo

Members Absent: Amanda Darnell, Louis Launer, John Shetterly

Ex Officios: Alderman Barclay, Alderman Bateman, Alderman Sartorius, Dan Emrick, Brian Bacyinski, Shane Kelly, Mary Kuppler

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 17, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION

Recreation Superintendent Brian Bacyinski gave a presentation on the Aquatics Department. Highlights included:

- August-March is the swim season for high schools and 10 local high schools use Rec-Plex as their home pool.
- Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA) has used Rec-Plex Natatorium since 1999 for the Boy's and Girl's State High School Swimming and Diving Championships. A five-year contract was signed last November so this usage will continue. Staff has built a great relationship with MSHSAA to host these events. It is such a benefit to local swimmers to get to use their home pool for this competition and it brings a lot of visitors to St. Peters.
- Rec-Plex hosts the Ozark Division I Championships and the Gateway Championships
- Lindenwood University is now NCAA Division 1, with the Rec-Plex their home pool for swimming and diving.
- Focus now moves to outdoor pools and getting lifeguards hired for summer. 50-60 new lifeguards are needed each summer to open the outdoor pools. Brian discussed the nationwide lifeguard shortage and the steps the City has taken to ensure we stay competitive in the market.

- Registration for the Laurel Park Dolphins Swim Team began last week. There is a maximum of 140 swimmers allowed and registration is up to 67 already.
- Sandblasting and re-painting of the pool shell at Laurel Park will begin in April.
- Alderman Barclay asked if the improvements that were made a few seasons ago to Laurel Park Pool helped decrease the budget deficit. Dan will get the financial details together to share in the future.

Questions from PRAB Members:

- Are there any plans to add parking to the Rec-Plex? Brian explained that staff has been diligent when scheduling special events not to overbook the facilities. The City has an agreement with Lutheran High School for sharing of parking lots.
- Is Rec-Plex self-sustaining? No it's not and Dan explained the Master Plan steps that are being taken to decrease the deficit.
- Is there a schedule for the swim lanes? Brian has a distribution list that anyone interested can receive weekly emails showing which lanes are open. Unless the Natatorium is closed, there is always a minimum of 4 swim lanes open for adults.
- What is happening with the new paint flaking in the Natatorium? Dan explained that the Building Maintenance Department is working with the contractor on the problem.
- How will the bond issue that was passed last year for the Fort Zumwalt School District to build a pool affect the Rec-Plex? Alderman Sartorius explained that the pool will be constructed, but it may be years down the road. There are other building maintenance projects that take priority.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager's Report

- Pavilion reservations began on March 1st and 120 reservations were made on the first day. Athletic field reservations began on March 20th and 367 reservations were made on the first day.
- Registration for summer camp at Rec-Plex and the Cultural Arts Centre is now open.
- The City's new website went online today.

Election of Officers

The following members were elected to office for a 1 year term:

Amanda Darnell, Chairman
 Mike Delehaunty, Vice Chairman
 Andrew Maxey, Secretary

Arbor Day Tree Seedling Giveaway on Saturday, April 29th from 9am-11am (or until the seedlings are all handed out). Available trees are Redbud and Loblolly Pine trees (300 of each species). Seedlings will be distributed at two locations: St. Peters Rec-Plex (main entrance) and St. Peters Golf Club (Pro Shop entrance). At least two volunteers are needed at each location.

Rec-Plex volunteers: Alderman Bateman, Mike Ring, Amanda Darnell
 Golf Club volunteers: Madaline Barteau, Tom Russo, John Shetterly

Work day to get the seedlings bagged and sorted will be Friday, April 28th beginning at 8am at the Parks Office, 100 Boone Hills. Volunteers: Tom Russo, Debbie Knoble, Ray Meurer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Andrew asked if there were any updates on the GRG Trail expansion at the Golf Course. Dan explained that GRG will be making new detailed plans for the boardwalk to determine if additional right-of-way is needed at the Brush property.

FOCUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts Focus Committee

Alderman Bateman gave the following report:

Animalia Art Show is on display through March 26, 2023. The next art show will capture the feeling of wonder as spring approaches and the snow melts. Wonder Art Show on display March 30 to May 21, 2023. City Centre Dance will be held on March 31st. Lenny Tocco had his first book reading at the Arts Centre on March 14, 2023. All proceeds of Lenny's books are donated to 'The Piece of My Heart Foundation' which aims to help grieving families cope with the loss of a child.

Golf Focus Committee

Tom gave the following report:

Golf Focus Committee held a meeting on February 16, 2023. The new bridge on Hole 11 is complete, t-boxes are leveling out, and the course is in good shape. The Focus Committee is working with staff to find a solution with the problems that arises from the policy of no coolers on the course. Alderman Barclay mentioned that if the GRG Trail is extended through the Golf Course, the cart path at Hole 12 will have to be relocated.

Historical Focus Committee

Dan reported that there is a historic smoke house in Old Town that was donated to the City and is being moved to the site of the Log Cabin.

Alderman Sartorius reported that the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution will have a ceremony on April 23rd at 2pm in the All Saints Cemetery. The ceremony is to honor Etienne Bernard for his service in the Revolutionary War and donation of land where the first All Saints Church was built. The next Historical Focus Committee Meeting will be held on April 20, 2023 at the Cultural Arts Centre.

Sustainability Focus Committee

Madeline introduced new member Debbie Knoble and gave some history on Debbie's background with sustainability. Debbie will be new chairman for the Focus Committee.

Debbie discussed an upcoming event: Plant America Garden Expo that will be held at Civic Park in O'Fallon on Saturday, May 13th from 9am-3pm.

Alderman Sartorius has been speaking with the Executive Director of Clarendale St. Peters about their Gardening Club. The Senior Advisory Board is interested in participating in the Garden Club.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alderman Barclay stated he was absent at the January PRAB Meeting due to a conflict with a homeowners meeting.

Welcome to new member Debbie Knoble.

Mike complimented staff on the Rec-Connect Magazine that has been developed.

NEXT MEETING

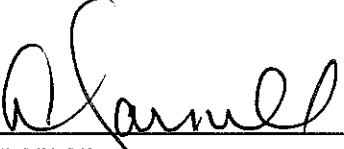
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre, 1 St. Peters Centre Blvd.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Mary Kuppler
Parks & Recreation Services

Approved:



Chairperson

Volunteer Hours		
Name	Additional Hours	Total Hours
Madaline Barteau	2	179
Amanda Darnell	-	465
Mike Delehaunty	2	356
Debbie Knoble	2	2
Louis Launer	10	88
Terry Lesinski	2	8
Andrew Maxey	2	25
Ray Meurer	4	200
Mike Ring	4	28
Tom Russo	4	11
John Shetterly	-	95