

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2001**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**3:30 P.M.**

Present: James Vicar, Chair  
Orethia White, Vice Chair  
Thomas Mobley  
Jimmy Mackey  
Arthur Middleton  
Allen Stern

Absent: Ben Barnes, Jr.  
Colonel Robert Hayes  
Obie Schramm  
William McDuff  
Corinne Hagood  
John Parker  
J. Simon Fraser

PALS Staff: John Miller, Jr., Acting Director  
Joseph Penale, Acting Deputy Director  
Glenda Foy, Assistant to the Director

County Council: William C. McBride, Chair of County Council  
Community Services Committee

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Vicar called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. As there were not enough members present to reach a quorum, Mr. Vicar asked that the approval for items II, III, and IV be delayed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Mr. Vicar welcomed new board member Mr. Thomas Mobley.

**UPDATE ON BURTON WELLS PARK**

Mr. Miller reported he and Jim Strecansky created a plan to prioritize the 6.5 Million dollars including bid alternates. If bids come in below 6.5 Million, bid alternates would allow us to to

do some of the other work. Mr. Miller, Mr. Strecansky and LS3P Associates, Ltd would like to put the bid package together so the bid could go out within the next 30 days.

Mr. Vicar asked if the budget figures were projected for the alternate items as well.

Mr. Miller answered yes, but he didn't have them with him.

Mr. Vicar asked if the prioritizing of the bid alternates was based on dollar amount or need to provide the program.

Mr. Miller said priority is based on the projected needs of the community.

Mr. Vicar stated that he would personally support this proposal if a quorum could be reached and to keep this item on the agenda.

Mr. Vicar asked if PALS hired Jim Strecansky and Co., Inc.

Mr. Miller replied Jim Strecansky and Co., Inc. was hired by Beaufort County as Construction Manager for Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Districts. Their contract was amended to include Burton Wells.

Mr. Vicar asked if their fee was in the budget numbers.

Mr. Miller replied that PALS would pay Mr. Strecansky's fee.

### **POOLS:**

Mr. Miller reported that he met with Steve Patterson of Patterson Construction , Buz Boehm, Bob Klink, Marjorie Lamb-Strawn, and Charles Wire, Monday, June 5 regarding M.C. Riley Pool. The projected completion date was May 30, 2001. Patterson Construction says the new completion date is June 30. PALS is planning a Ribbon Cutting-Grand Opening Ceremony Saturday, July 14. A time has not been established. Mr. Miller stated that there are some utility concerns that should be resolved by the end of the week. One of the outcomes from the meeting is Jeff Fotia from Year Round Pools along with Marjorie Lamb-Strawn and Charles Wire will meet weekly to assure the pool opening date of July 14.

### **BLUFFTON/SHULTS PARK MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

Mr. Miller reported that the Bluffton/Shults Park Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Mr. Behrens, Town Manager, Bluffton and Mr. Kackmar, County Administrator.

Mr. Vicar asked, what is the next step?

Mr. Miller replied he attended TIF District Meeting last week. PALS were concerned about the funds for the Park. The initial \$1.2 million for impact fees for Phase 1 and the TIF dollars for Phase 2 will be in place. Opening bids for early site work package is June 13 at 3:00. The

package from there would go to Public Works Committee of County Council, June 18 and then to County Council June 25. Mr. Klink would provide all of the contractual information

Mr. Vicar asked Mr. Miller to continue to list Shults Park as an agenda item.

### **GYMNASTIC PRESENTATION:**

Coach Kirkwood began the presentation by congratulating the children that participated in the gymnastic program. Mr. Vicar, Mr. Miller and Coach Kirkwood proceeded to present the certificates to the gymnasts.

Mr. Vicar recognized the presence of Councilman McBride.

### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:**

Mr. Miller introduced Glenda Foy, his new Assistant to the PALS Board.

Mr. Miller reported that Summer Camp begins Monday, June 11. PALS will be operating 18 camps out of 8 sites throughout the county. The Nutrition Program also begins June 11, with over 50 sites throughout of Beaufort County.

Mr. Vicar asked what kind of numbers are we looking at for summer camp.

Mr. Miller replied, registration will continue until the first day of camp. The numbers have increased significantly in some areas. Total number of children enrolled in summer camp is about 400.

Mr. Vicar replied that is 50% of the total from 3 or 4 years ago.

Mr. Miller stated that is correct, and that year round school contributed to the decrease in the numbers over the years.

Mr. Vicar stated it seems that we are loosing 100-150 kids annually and hoped that they are being served someplace else.

Mr. Miller reported that M.C.Rilely Restroom Picnic Shelter/Concession Stand contract has been let to Patterson Construction.

Mr. Miller reported that the Steering Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. regarding Camp Saint Mary Master Plan. Wood and Partners has been contracted to provide a conceptual master plan and will be presenting the first rendition of the plan at the meeting.

Mr. Vicar stated that he would be in Charleston that day but encouraged available Board Members to attend.

Mr. Miller referred to the correspondence PALS has been receiving regarding the pier and floating dock at Camp Saint Mary. Mr. Miller stated he conversed with Mr. Campbell today about scheduling a meeting regarding the development of Camp Saint Mary. The master plan, floating dock and pier would be discussed. The meeting is scheduled for June 20, however a time has not been confirmed. Members from County Council Community Services Committee will attend. All PALS Board Members are invited.

Mr. Vicar asked Mr. McBride if his committee had a standard meeting time.

Mr. McBride replied yes, 4 O'clock.

Mr. Vicar asked Ms. Foy to send out reminders to all Board Members. Mr. Vicar stated that he would attend the meeting.

Mr. Miller reported Dale Community/Scott Center renovations are in the final review and should go up for bid within the next 30 days.

Mr. Miller reported that Mark Roseneau reviewed the documents on Coosaw and the project should go up for bid within the next 30 days as well.

Mr. Miller reported that he spoke with the Project Engineer for Barker Field Parking Lot to express his concerns that the drains will not work with #57 stone. Mr. Miller added the stone is too large.

Mr. Miller reported Bladen Street Tennis Courts and Rest Room is on the agenda of the Board of Architectural Review June 13 at 4 O'clock for final approval

Mr. Vicar asked if we get approval to proceed with the project, is the \$75,000 Mr. Miller reported at the last meeting still available.

Mr. Miller replied yes, that is all we have.

Mr. Miller reported there is no change at Mink Point.

Mr. Vicar asked if we are still projecting that job will come in at 25% of what we budgeted.

Mr. Miller replied yes.

Mr. Vicar asked if that money could be reapplied to make up for under budgeting on projects.

Mr. Miller replied he is sure that the CIP Committee has ideas on the usage of those funds.

Mr. Vicar asked if they were PALS dollars or County dollars.

Mr. Miller replied that they were County dollars.

Mr. Vicar stated if the dollars were originally for PALS Project and PALS are under budget for certain projects, he would like to see it remain there.

Mr. Miller reported that he was contacted by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (S.C.D.N.R.) regarding a kayak trail. S.C.D.N.R. would like to incorporate some of the county's boat landings into their kayak trail by placing a 3x5 sign at designated landings. S.C.D.N.R will also publish and distribute a guide to inform those who kayak of the trail.

Mr. Vicar asked would the use of the landings impose an inconvenience to the general public.

Mr. Miller replied no.

Mr. Vicar asked if the same liability as a regular boater applied to the kayak trail.

Mr. Miller replied he would think that it would be the same as a regular boater.

Mr. Mackey asked if this would be a joint agreement between S.C.D.N.R. and the PALS.

Mr. Miller replied it would be an effort between S.C.D.N.R. and the County.

Mr. Vicar asked if anyone present is opposed to this idea.

In absence of a quorum, all six members supported this idea.

**WEIGHT LIFTING CENTER:**

Mr. Mackey reported that due to illness in his family, his progress on this project has been delayed, however he is working on getting a meeting together.

Mr. Vicar expressed his condolences to Mr. Mackey.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Stern expressed his displeasure of attending PALS Board Meetings without enough members in attendance to get a quorum. He also stated that our rules of attendance should be enforced.

Mr. Vicar stated that for the last 90 days, PALS Board did not have a quorum. Mr. Vicar will attend County Council Meeting June 11 on Hilton Head, and will express this concern.

Councilman McBride said that Council Rules states if you miss 3 consecutive meeting without extenuating circumstances, you are automatically off the Board. He also suggests moving forward on the matter of enforcing the rules.

**ELECTION FOR CHAIRMAN:**

Mr. Vicar asked the Board if anyone was interested in serving as Board Chair.  
No response was given.

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, July 5, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. at County Council Chambers.