

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES  
THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2001  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3:30 P.M.**

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chair  
Orethia White, Vice Chair  
Allan Stern  
Thomas Mobley  
Jimmy Mackey  
William Brown  
William McDuff  
Corinne Hagood

Absent: James A. Vicar  
John Parker

PALS Staff: John Miller, Jr., Acting Director  
Joseph Penale, Acting Deputy Director  
Glenda Foy, Assistant to the Director  
Clarissa Douglass, Recreation Supervisor  
Harold Sanders, Recreation Specialist, II

Administration: Morris C. Campbell, Deputy Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2001 AGENDA**

Mr. Stern motioned to approve the agenda

Mr. McDuff seconded the motion

Discussion: none

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2001 MINUTES**

Mr. Stern motioned to approve the minutes

Mr. Mackey seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

**Motion passed unanimously**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Weight Lifting Center

Robbie Suflee: Ray's Gym has him on the right track and has kept him out of trouble. Ray has encouraged him to work toward his goals.

Jason Fowler: Trained at Ray's Gym for two years and urged PALS Board to support Team Beaufort.

Michael Cook: (13 years old)- Participated in weight lifting competition and supports Team Beaufort.

Crystal Cummings: (13 years old)- Trained at Ray's Gym for 5 years and supports Team Beaufort.

A.J. Wilbourn: (8th Grade)- Gained confidence and makes better choices since training at Ray's Gym.

Adam Dorschelski: Supports weight lifting center and expressed how it would bring business to Beaufort's Restaurants and Retail Stores.

Col. Ball: Supports Ray's Gym and is in favor of a new weight lifting center.

Randy Crosby: Volunteer coach for 18 years, supports Ray Jones in the development of a weight lifting center.

Ted Whitiker: Works for Beaufort Housing Authority dealing with kids who live in housing complex; supports Team Beaufort.

Walt Dorcalski: Wrote letter on Beaufort's Web Sight regarding the weight lifting center and received nothing but positive responses. Believes weight lifting center will be an asset to Beaufort.

Holly Canoza: All athletes will utilize Team Beaufort. Pledged her continued support for the weight lifting center.

Joel: Involved in weight lifting for the past 20 years, gives children self esteem.

David Kirkwood: Spoke about his research and development of the Junior Olympic Training Center Complex; in support of all the people who are here today to discuss Weight Lifting Center.

**CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**UPDATE ON BURTON WELLS PARK:**

Mr. Miller reported that he has received an outlined proposal from MCAS Engineering Group indicating the degree of activity they would perform. Mr. Miller stated that ground breaking is on schedule for January 2002.

**POOLS:**

Mr. Miller reported that the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Beaufort High Pool is Friday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. we have opened two pools currently.

Mr. Miller reported that there was minor vandalism at the Battery Creek Pool

Mr. Miller reported that the Elementary Schools would participate in Beaufort County PALS Learn to Swim Program beginning October 2001.

Mr. Miller submitted a revised Pool Pass Schedule to the Board for final approval.

Mr. Stern questioned the financial incentive for yearly pool pass since the price is just the regular monthly charge times 12.

Mrs. Strawn replied that the objective of the pool pass was based on convenience and not economics.

**UPDATE ON WEIGHT LIFTING CENTER:**

Mr. Mackey referred to the Weight Lifting Committee Meeting of August 22, 2001: he stated that the Weight Lifting Committee agreed and voted upon this recommendation, along with City of Beaufort, City of Port Royal and Beaufort County, that the Weight Lifting Program be split from the combined Weight Lifting/Gymnastic Center.

Ms. White asked why the gymnastic center was separated from this unit since they were supposed to be studied together.

Mr. Mackey replied that all of the support was focused on weight lifting. There were also concerns about the estimated square footage of a combined center; it will be difficult to fund such an operation.

Mr. Mackey stated that the City of Beaufort and the Town of Port Royal have agreed to become Co-Partners in this operation.

Mr. McDuff reiterated Mr. Mackey's previous reply to Ms. Whites' question regarding the split between the two entities and asked if the Gymnastic Community had an equal chance to show there support.

Mr. Mackey replied yes and that funding was still a major concern with everybody in the committee.

Mr. Stern stated that he did not agree with this proposal. He stated that he loves the idea of a weight lifting center but he wants to include the gymnastic portion as well.

Mr. Middleton stated that the Weight Lifting Committee should stick to the original position of the PALS Board combining the two entities.

Mr. Middleton stated that he would like a new proposal combining weight lifting and gymnastic.

**SHULTS PARK:**

Phase 1 is under construction. Phase 2 went out for bid August 31.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr. Middleton referred to the committee list and asked if any of the Board Members would like to join a committee.

Mr. Middleton asked for volunteers for the Program Committee.

Mr. Mobley asked for an explanation of the various committee duties.

Mr. Miller explained the duties of the following Committees:

- Facilities: Members inspect facilities and advise staff of findings.
- Crossings Park: Members inspect facilities on Hilton Head Island and advise staff of findings.
- Finance: Reviews budget before being submitted to the PALS Board and makes recommendations to Board.
- Long Range Plan: Helps plan long-range capital improvement programs.
- Programming: looks at new programs, rules and regulations that pertain to PALS Programs.

Mr. Middleton asked for volunteers for the committees.

Ms. Hagood volunteered for the Programming Committee.

Mr. Stern volunteered for the Long Range Committee

Mr. Middleton volunteered for the Finance Committee.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:**

Mr. Miller reported:

Youth Football, Soccer and Cheerleading Season begins Saturday. The games will be played at all PALS fields north and south of the Broad.

Men's Soccer season begins September 9, games will be played at the Mets Field.

Men's Softball season begins September 10, games will be played at Burton Wells Park.

Coed Softball season begins September 11, games will be played at Burton Wells Park

Bladen Street-Bid documents are being prepared, will go out for bid next month.

Camp St. Mary- Master Plan was distributed to the PALS Board at the August Board Meeting. Long Range Planning Committee should meet to discuss Phasing.

Coosaw- Bid will go out within 30 days.

Beaufort High Pool-Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony September 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Mink Point Gym Roof-Contract awarded to American Coating of Virginia, work should begin within 30 days.

Scott Center- Bid will go out within the next 30 days.

St. Helena Park-Bid will go out within the next 30 days.

PALS Main Office Roof-Contract awarded to AAR of North Carolina, work should begin within 30 days.

Mr. Miller introduced Harold Sander, II, as the new Recreation Specialist II for the Mink Point Gym.

Mr. Miller introduced Clarissa Douglas, Recreation Supervisor for the Sea Island Area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Mackey stated that he must step down as Chairman of the Weight Lifting Committee.

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 4, at 3:30p.m. at County Council Chambers.