

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Orethia White, Vice Chair
Thomas Mobley
William Brown
Allan Stern
Corinne Hagood
Michael Manesiotis
James A. Vicar

PALS Staff: John Miller, Jr., Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure
Services
Joe Penale, Deputy Division Head, Superintendent South of the Broad
Norma Baker, Assistant to the Division Head, Division of Parks and
Leisure Services

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2003 AGENDA

Mr. Mobley motioned to approve April 3, 2003 agenda.

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 6, 2003 MINUTES

Mrs. White motioned to approve March 6, 2003 minutes.

Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Mr. Vicar abstained due to absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REVIEW

Mr. Middleton received a letter from Mr. Essler stating appreciation of Boards professionalism.

Mr. Vicar asked if Mr. Esslers only concern is land. Mr. Miller stated it would be a program.

Mr. Vicar Motioned to table equestrian center request at this time due to lack of funding and support. Mrs. White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Middleton requested PALS staff draft letter to Mr. Essler for his signature.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Middleton received a letter requesting legal fund contributions. Please contact him if interested.

Mr. Middleton received a letter promoting June 2003 Leadership Program. Please contact him if interested in attending.

2004 BUDGET

PALS Staff reduced budget by direction of PALS Finance Committee Chairman. FY2004 Budget submitted to Mr. Boehm shows 19.4% increase request (with new facilities) and 2.4% (without new facilities.) New Personnel request is questionable and operating budget is a minimum.

Mr. Stern motioned PALS Board approve PALS 2004 budget. Mrs. White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

BURTON WELLS

Center walls are at 52%. Storm drains are complete; Burton Wells will have water access from two locations. Mr. Vicar asked if BJWSA would wave cost of second meter. Mr. Miller said he would submit request. Malphrus Construction will complete parking area grading this week and SCE&G will begin work in the next two weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Congratulations to Mr. Middleton and Mr. Stern for their reappointment to PALS Board.

Baseball opening day was Saturday, March 29, 2003. Officials chose not to officiate Opening day games and would not meet with PALS for negotiations. Officials are now umpiring. Mr. Vicar stated he received many phone calls complaining of no officials opening day. Mr. Miller explained all Coaches were contacted Thursday of no umpires.

Mr. Vicar asked why BOA would not officiate. Mr. Miller stated there is no signed contract. BOA officiated through basketball while negotiations continued. Contract was forwarded to Beaufort County Staff Attorney.

Mr. Vicar asked if finances were the issue. Mr. Miller explained, finances were agreed on. PALS goal is to get our own officials. Mr. Manisiotis asked when contract will be signed, Mr. Miller answered PALS has approved contract, it is in Staff Attorney and BOA Attorney's hands.

Adult softball begins Monday, April 7, 2003.

Bluffton baseball/softball begins Saturday, April 5, 2003.

Free Golf Clinic at Cat Island begins Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Registration for Summer camp began Tuesday, April 1, 2003. Art Camp at Greene Street filled in thirty minutes.

Sammy Head, Recreation Specialist II (Bluffton) resigned.

Mr. Mobley asked status of Lady's Island, Mr. Miller stated Eric Klatt is looking for a realtor to find land. Mr. Mobley asked if there was response Mr. Miller said he would get with Mr. Klink and Call Mr. Mobley.

Mrs. White asked why work has stopped at Chaplin Park. Mr. Miller stated a contractual problem.

Mr. Stern asked if Summer Camp rates are what the Board agreed to. Mr. Miller stated yes.

Mr. Mobley asked if Aquatics Supervisor position is filled. Mr. Miller stated no.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vicar stated in March 2003 minutes, Program Committee was to be on April 2003 Agenda, in reference to Mr. Bells request for his son to be moved up an age group in baseball. Mrs. Hagood explained the report will be made during May 2003 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stern explained Junior Olympic Volleyball is in the Palmetto region. 17 and under team won regional championship. Mr. Vicar suggested bringing the team to a board meeting to show appreciation. PALS will make certificates for each team member for presentation. Mr. Stern will submit all names and ages to PALS.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parks and Leisure Services Main Office, Port Royal, SC 29935.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.