

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
2:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Thomas Mobley
Michael Manesiotis

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 MAY 1, 2003 AGENDA

Mr. Stern motioned to approve May 1, 2003 agenda.

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2003 MINUTES

Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve April 3, 2003 minutes.

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Middleton received a letter from Mr. Essler, Equestrian Center. The Silver Center Equestrian Center Proposal has been given to Chatham County.

Mr. Middleton received a letter from Lauren County Water/Sewer Commission Membership needing renewed. Mr. Miller stated PALS membership is from when PALS was a Recreation Commission.

2004 BUDGET

Mr. Miller stated PALS 2004 Budget has been presented to Mr. Henrikson. Mr. Henrikson requested \$165,000.00 further reductions. County Council meets tonight, Thursday, May 1, 2003 and Mr. Henrikson will present PALS Budget at 6:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers.

Mr. Vicar asked where the \$165,00.00 reductions came from. Mr. Miller stated PALS are loosing Chaplin Park, Jarvis Creek Park, The Oyster Factory and Burton Wells additional funds. PALS Programs have not been touched.

BURTON WELLS

Block at Burton Wells Recreation Center is 78% complete. Parking lot is being rocked. 85% of the Ball Fields are complete. Steel placement will begin the week of May 5, 2003. Pads for Baseball and Soccer Buildings are complete.

Beaufort Jasper Water is complete and Malphrus Construction can tie in. PALS are waiting date for SCE&G to install utility poles for power. Mr. Vicar asked where water for athletic fields would come from. Mr. Miller stated a well will be installed for irrigation of Athletic fields.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Program Committee:

Mrs. Hagood stated Program Committee recommendation in reference to children playing up or down in sports is:

- Children are kept in their age group for Football.
- Other sports, parents may request advancement. Deadline for request must be established. Children requesting to be advanced will try-out with the age group requesting to play with.
- Parents may request their children play down, when needed for medical reasons.

Mr. Middleton asked if moving up affects regional games. Mr. Brown stated playing up will not, playing down could. Mr. Brown asked if a child requesting to be moved up enters the draft. Mr. Miller stated yes. Mr. Vicar asked who would be responsible for evaluations. Mr. Miller stated all coaches in the age group requested and PALS staff. Mrs. White expressed interest in keeping coaches non-political. Mr. Miller insured PALS staff will oversee to ensure fairness.

Mr. Stern suggested advancement or playing down be decided on case-by-case basis. Playing up often has direct impact on College Scholarships. Children often get better, faster.

Mr. Vicar asked why Football is not included. Mr. Miller stated football regulations do not permit the option. Mr. Vicar stated PALS Board should review one year from implementation.

Mr. Vicar motioned PALS Board endorse program children can move up or down one age group as long as it is not against Beaufort County Policy. Mr. Stern seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Facilities Committee:

Mr. Vicar visited Shell Point Park. Park looks fantastic. Tennis Court fence is apart in two places, minor repair needed.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Junior Golf Program final day is Thursday, May 8, 2003. Children will compete for first, second and third place boys/girls age group. Participants will receive trophy, certificate and set of golf clubs.

Adult athletics are in full swing. Teenage baseball and softball leagues are getting ready to play.

Recreation Specialist II (Athletics) position in Bluffton is open.

PALS are still accepting summer applications.

Mrs. Hagood asked about swimming lessons. Mr. Miller stated he would get information and call her.

Mr. Brown asked about the Father/Son Basketball competition. Can they be Father/Daughter or Mother/Daughter at Dale Center? Mr. Miller stated Michael Smith is working on it.

DALE CENTER

Contract should be close.

SCOTT/ST. HELENA

Bids open Wednesday, May 14, 2003.

Mr. Middleton asked if Golf would be available yearly. Mr. Miller stated hopefully.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. White asked how "Shults Park Tract" article affected PALS Board. Mr. Miller stated it was inserted in the package for informational purposes.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parks and Leisure Services Main Office, Port Royal, SC 29935.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.