

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2003
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
2:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Allan Stern

PALS Staff: H. C. Boehm, Jr., Director, Public Services Division
John Miller, Jr., Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure
Joe Penale, Deputy Division Head, Superintendent SOB
Norma Baker, Assistant to the Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2003 AGENDA

Mr. Vicar motioned to approve June 5, 2003 agenda.

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MAY 1, 2003 MINUTES

Mr. Vicar motioned to approve May 1, 2003 minutes.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

2004 BUDGET

Mr. Miller stated PALS have been asked to submit a 10-15% proposed decrease. PALS may lose additional personnel and equipment for Burton Wells Park. Pool hours of operation may have to decrease.

Mr. Vicar asked if the 10 – 15% is in addition to the 10% decrease already proposed. Mr. Brown asked if decrease would omit staff moving to Burton Wells. Mr. Miller explained current staff would move to Burton Wells. New Personnel request will not be approved. Mr. Vicar asked when County Council would vote and may PALS Board Members speak to Council? Mr. Miller stated there would be Public Hearings.

Mr. Boehm stated Public Hearing will be Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at Hilton Head Island Library and Thursday, June 12, 2003 at County Council Chambers. Mr. Boehm stated every department was directed to submit 10-15% recommended cuts. All capital has been deleted and there will not be a CIP borrowing this year. Mr. Boehm explained with \$4 million back in the budget it still keeps the County at \$2 million less than last year.

Mr. Vicar stated he would be out of town during Public Hearings and Council meeting and Board Members who can attend should. PALS Board needs to be as vocal as possible. Mr. Vicar stated if Burton Wells would not be used as anticipated when complete it will offend him as a taxpayer. Mr. Bohem responded Burton Wells will be used.

BURTON WELLS UPDATE

- Slab is poured for press box and concession stand at the baseball field.
- Soccer field needs more time to dry.
- Main road is 85% stoned.
- Parking for Recreation Center is completely stoned.
- Tap with Beaufort-Jasper Water Sewer Authority is 98% complete.
- Permit for water test is in process. SCE&G will install electric poles next week.
- Irrigation installation for baseball fields is in process.
- Structural steel is 95% complete and will be finished by the end of this week.
- Athletic light poles go up next week.

Mr. Vicar asked if Joe Frazier Road will be connected to Burton Wells Park. Mr. Miller responded no, there would be a walk gate but no vehicle access at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Facilities

Mr. Vicar went to Burton Wells Park and agrees with Mr. Miller's report.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Mr. Miller informed the board of negotiations with the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Mobley asked if PALS is currently providing this program. Mr. Miller stated after-school positions are difficult to fill. Mr. Middleton asked if negotiations pertain only to Agnes Major Center. Mr. Miller stated yes. Mr. Middleton asked projected date to begin program. Mr. Miller stated date is pending.

Marsha Zerler stated hours would be from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. extended hours during summer. Mrs. Hagood asked what schools would benefit. Mrs. Zerler replied Davis Elementary; transportation coordination is currently the main concern.

Mr. Vicar stated program provided is a win-win situation; he is willing to make a motion to go forward pending legal and clarification approval. Mr. Mobley asked if Davis Elementary offers an after school program. Mrs. Zerler stated yes, but they would not be competitive, no one is ever turned away from the Boys and Girls Club. Maximum cost is \$25.00 per week during summer.

Mr. Vicar Motioned to approve the Boys and Girls Club Proposal to use Agnes Major Center pending outcome of negotiations.

Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.

PALS Board approved unanimously.

SPORTS ACADEMY

Sports Academy lease is up for renewal. County suggests extending one year in terms currently established. Mrs. White asked if location stays the same. Mr. Miller stated everything remains the same. Mr. Kirkwood agreed to Southern Beaufort County being sent out for proposal. Mr. Vicar asked if it is possible to get list of vendors requesting Northern Beaufort County lease. Mr. Boehm stated not without request for proposal.

Mr. Vicar asked what an RFP would consist of. Mr. Boehm stated Mr. Miller is checking into it. Mr. Miller stated a package of criteria would be composed. Mr. Mobley asked about weightlifting, would PALS Board look at gymnastics down the road? Does Mr. Kirkwood want to expand space? Mr. Miller stated yes, but PALS do not currently have space for gymnastics to extend.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Four Hundred Children are enrolled in PALS Summer Camp.

T-Ball and Coach Pitch season ends Saturday, June 7, 2003.

9-10 boys end of season tournaments are the week of June 16, 2003.

All-star games are scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2003 through Monday, June 30, 2003.

Soccer, Football and Cheerleading Registration begin Tuesday, July 1, 2003 and continue through Friday, July 25, 2003.

PALS will have credit/debit payment capabilities Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at PALS Main Office, Greene Street Center and Bluffton Center.

Mink Point Gym will sponsor an "Out of School Lock-in" Friday, June 13, 2003.

Mink Point and Greene Street Gym Floor Bid opening is Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Mr. Vicar asked what type of gym floor. Mr. Miller responded PALS is looking at Mondo rubber floor. Mr. Brown asked if Mondo is applied above the floor currently there. Mr. Miller stated yes, current floor would not be removed.

Scott Center Bid opens Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mobley asked status on Lady's Island Park land and if PALS contacted a Real Estate Office. Mr. Miller responded Eric Klatt, Beaufort County Right of way Manager has begun the process.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, August 7, 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.