

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 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
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 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2003 AGENDA

Mr. Vicar motioned to approve August 7, 2003 agenda.

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2003 MINUTES

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

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed. Mr. Stern abstained because of June 5, 2003 absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

2004 BUDGET

PALS 2004 Budget has decreased from last year. Final budget passed is last one PALS Board received. Mr. Brown asked if PALS new employees for Burton Wells were approved. Mr. Miller replied no. Mr. Vicar asked what total decrease for 2004 budget was. Mr. Miller responded 5%. Mr. Stern asked if all capital was deleted. Mr. Miller stated yes. Mr. Stern asked how much was allocated for Burton Wells Park and building new Parks. Mr. Miller

responded nothing. Mr. Stern asked if construction will stop. Mr. Miller stated construction would not stop on Phase I and CIP spending has been delayed for one year.

Mr. Miller told the Board PALS has changed four part-time lifeguard positions to two full-time Water-Safety Instructor positions.

FEES

Program Committee recommended \$40.00 across the board for PALS sports participation. Staff increased soccer to \$47.50 and football to \$52.00 to cover cost of uniforms. PALS considered participants purchase uniform from waist down. Mr. Miller inquired prices, PALS receives discount and matched uniforms, therefore will do purchasing. Mr. Vicar stated Program Committee should research fees again for revenue increase. PALS must raise an additional \$20,000 in revenue this year.

Staff recommendation is to raise Summer Camp to \$50.00 per week. Mr. Stern asked what current fee is. Mr. Miller stated \$135.00 for seven weeks. Mr. Brown asked if registration has decreased since price was raised. Mr. Miller stated no. Mr. Vicar suggested Committee re-visit; PALS will have no choice but to raise participation fees.

Scholarship program also needs looked at. Mr. Stern stated Finance Committee should meet; Chairman of committee will inform Mr. Miller when meeting is scheduled.

BURTON WELLS UPDATE

Roof will be complete within two weeks.

Windows will be complete in mid September; lights at soccer field will not go in until area dries from rain.

Parking lot is 80% paved.

Soccer Concession must be raised 12" because of rain. Mr. Boehm stated County will not pay for the 12" rising. Mr. Vicar asked if soccer fields will be under water when it rains a lot. Mr. Miller said no. Mr. Boehm stated Jim Strecansky would brief him on soccer fields. Mr. Vicar asked what type fields are in back. Mr. Miller stated Baseball and Soccer.

COACH ETIQUETTE

Mr. Vicar briefed board on All-Star rules and infractions. A PALS participant did not play and his mother felt a coach was talking down to children. Mr. Vicar would like to organize a committee of coaches to teach etiquette for governing themselves. Mr. Brown asked if coaches receive NYSCA training. Mr. Miller stated yes, it is a requirement. Mr. Stern asked if there is a NYSCA coach's code of conduct they sign. Mr. Miller stated yes.

All-Stars problem was coach did not bat child during game. Coach admitted his mistake in the meeting held.

Mr. Brown asked if coaches receive Background checks. Mr. Miller stated PALS is currently working on background checks. Mr. Stern stated the school gets SLED checks from the computer. Mr. Boehm stated PALS will do background checks across the board. Mr. Miller stated PALS budgeted for background checks.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. White stated Park inspectors will meet quarterly with Mr. Miller, Mr. Bellamy and Hilton Head Island Representative. Mr. Vicar asked Mrs. White if PALS should have Public Works review PALS needs before requesting budget. Mrs. White stated many problems at parks are repairs, grass cutting, etc. Quarterly meetings will help program mechanics of making fields work in a timely manner.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Board approved concept for PALS to work with Boys and Girls Club.

Request was sent to purchasing and will be put out for proposals and County Staff Attorney will draft the agreement. Creation Station contract was signed Wednesday, August 6, 2003.

Scott Center renovation has been approved.

Gym Floor Replacements for Greene Street and Mink Point Gym have been approved.

Pre-Construction meeting for St. Helena Park restroom and picnic shelter is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2003.

Church Co-Ed Softball begins Thursday, August 7, 2003.

Mr. Stern asked when lights behind Bluffton Recreation Center would be put up. Mr. Miller stated Joe Penale has a meeting next week with lighting contractor and engineers and PALS will know more after the meeting. Installing lights could possibly take up to a year. Mr. Manisiotis asked if Crossing will be open soon and Mr. Miller stated yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vicar stated building is still up at Lady's Island Elementary. What is the hold up? Mr. Miller stated Eddie Bellamy is scheduling taking it down.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. White stated Baygall community residents are concerned about beach access at Barker Field expansion project. Mr. Miller stated the Town of Hilton Head Island is handling the walkway, multi-purpose field and parking area at Barker Field Expansion. Mr. Boehm stated Mrs. White should call the Town of Hilton Head Island. Joe Penale stated they found some ruins which are delaying the project. Mrs. White stated the community is very upset.

Mr. Vicar stated he will not be present for the next two meetings. If a third is required, he will resign from the Board.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, September 4, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parks and Leisure Services Main Office, Port Royal, SC 29935.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.