

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2004**  
**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE**  
**2:30 P.M.**

Present:

Orethia White, Vice Chair  
Corinne Hagood  
Thomas Mobley  
Allan Stern  
William Grayson

Non- Board Members Present:

Jeff Baker, President, Construction Services Division for  
GMK Associates, Inc.  
Kevin Krick, Project Manager, Wilbur Smith Associates

Absent:

Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
William Brown  
Michael Manesiotis

PALS Staff:

John Miller, Jr., Acting Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure  
Joe Penale, Acting Deputy Division Head, Superintendent SOB  
Jeannie Wells, Assistant to the Division Head, Division of PALS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. White called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF April 1, 2004 AGENDA**

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve April 1, 2004 agenda.**

**Mr. Stern seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF March 4, 2004 MINUTES**

**Mr. Stern motioned to approve March 4, 2004 minutes.**

**Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDANCE**

None.

## **JOINT COMMUNITY SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES FOR NORTHERN BEAUFORT**

Jeff Baker of GMK Associates and Kevin Krick of Wilbur Smith Associates presented a concept of a joint facility for PALS and the school district to share in Northern Beaufort County. This will be at the north area high school in the Dale Community. They showed blue prints for the concept and explained where all the facilities would be located. Mr. Stern asked if there was an extra soccer field, and in fact, there would be. He also asked why we would spend the bond money for more land if we could buy a smaller portion and still have the facilities. Mr. Baker reiterated that this was just a concept. Mrs. White agreed that we should put all facilities on a single piece of land.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Miller reported on the budget. PALS is now on the fourth revision of the budget. The budget format was requested to be re-done to rearrange all of the Burton Wells Center activities and put the costs in the respective areas, i.e., athletics, centers, etc. If no new facilities or capital existed, we would have a 1 percent increase. The new facilities and improvements such as Burton Wells Complex, Oyster Factory, Port Royal and Chaplin Park would give us an 18 percent increase. With all the capital items, the increase would be 44 percent. Mr. Stern requested that John bring up the leasing of computers and vehicles at his budget presentation to County Council.

Mrs. White announced that the Dale Center Opening went well and invited everyone to come out and visit.

## **BURTON WELLS**

Mr. Miller announced that PALS is scheduled to move on April 8, 2004. The final inspection will be done on April 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. PALS will be shut down on April 7 and 8, 2004. Mrs. Hagood asked if the Art Center would be coming to Port Royal. Mr. Miller said the renovations for that have started. All the telephone numbers at the PALS Main Office will remain the same.

## **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Mr. Miller announced that PALS is advertising for some aquatic staff, recreation staff, and a marketing/fitness position at Burton Wells. The Co-Ed Softball registration deadline was March 31, 2004. Some adult softball leagues have begun play. The Women's Softball registration deadline is April 28, 2004. Scott Center move should be in May. Summer Camp registration will be for the entire month of April. Partial payments will only be accepted for county employees. The Dale Center Opening was on Saturday, March 27, 2004. Mr. Miller attended the NRPA Southern Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach from March 27-31, 2004. Mr. Miller attended a session on Park Development and found that most folks are gearing toward community parks. Mr. Miller mentioned to Mr. Mobley that PALS has called Mr. Gallant and received no call back but will call again.

Last year the Program Committee was tasked with looking into whether children could play up from their age groups. It was decided that children could play up as long as they are evaluated by staff. The policy is that if a parent requested an individual child be moved up an age group, that parent would make that request to PALS Staff and staff would get a group of coaches to evaluate the child. Mr. Penale specified that the request should either be a safety issue or experience level

issue. Mr. Grayson said the coaches in the team above and below should be involved in the evaluation.

**Mr. Stern motioned to continue with the policy that children may play up if it is requested on an individual basis by their parents and if, based on evaluation, the staff concurs.**

**Mr. Grayson seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Stern asked if the vacancy of a Recreation Specialist II was in Bluffton, Mr. Miller said it is not. A PALS Staff member has been moved to Bluffton. Mr. Grayson inquired if the move was going to be permanent, Mr. Miller said yes.

### **ROTATION OF PALS MEETING LOCATIONS**

**Mr. Stern motioned to approve the schedule of the rotation of the PALS Board Meetings.**

**Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Directions to locations will be given out with Board Packages.

### **JACOB'S LAW OVERVIEW**

Mr. Miller stated that Jacob's Law came into effect in 2000. All 15-passenger vans are no longer made and will be replaced with 16 or 22 passenger buses for children and seniors.

### **RENAMING OF THE SAM'S POINT-COOSAW COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Miller stated that this facility was leased and the community had to approve the re-naming of the center. The community did meet and decided they would like to re-name the center *The David Smith Coosaw-Sam's Point Community Center*. Mr. Smith is the gentleman, nearing age 100, who donated the property years ago.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Miller welcomed Mr. Billy Grayson to the PALS Board and presented him with a PALS Board shirt.

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Thursday, 6, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the Dale Community Center, 15 Community Center Road, Dale, SC 29914

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM.

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