

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2004
Burton Wells Complex
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Allan Stern
Michael Manesiotis
William Brown
William Grayson

Non- Board Members Present: NONE

Absent: Orethia White, Vice Chair
Thomas Mobley
Corinne Hagood

PALS Staff: John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS
Jeannie Wells, Assistant to the Directors, PALS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF June 3, 2004 AGENDA

Mr. Stern motioned to approve June 3, 2004 agenda.

Mr. Manesiotis seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF May 6, 2004 MINUTES

Mr. Stern motioned to approve May 6, 2004 minutes.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDANCE

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Stern inquired about the CIP subject from May's meeting. Members of the PALS Board were going to get together and discuss the operating costs of each capital improvement project. Mr. Stern said he saw in the local paper that Mr. Kubic, County Administrator, approved the CIP. Mr. Miller stated that he and Mr. Penale met and saw no way to move any CIP dollars around. Mr. Miller said that nothing was sent to Mr. Kubic before he made his decision. However, there is a procedure in place that figures out operating costs. Future dollars, if there is a borrowing, include \$400K for Camp St. Mary's, \$1M proposed for Buckwalter, \$125K lights at Dale Center and a series of Hilton Head Park monies. PALS buses and indoor swimming pool air conditioning also has dollars slated. Mr. Stern felt that we had not done anything to correct the problem of operating costs. From now on, any project brought to council will have to include operating costs after the project is through the actual building phase.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Ms. Wells apologized that the update was not put in the package for June. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Vicar wanted to attend this meeting to say goodbye to everyone since his last day in Beaufort is June 18th, 2004. PALS is interviewing for the Marketing/Special Events Position as well as lifeguards. Most of the Summer Camp employees have been hired. No problems with basketball season so far. There are 2 deputies at each game. Women's softball is going well. Scott Center Ribbon Cutting will be on Saturday, June 26th, 2004 at 10:00 am. The Beaufort County Spring Fling will be on June 19th, 2004 at Burton Wells. Summer Camp begins on June 7th, 2004. 177 campers are registered compared to 475 campers last year. To get 177 campers, registration was extended. The low number of registered campers is due to doubling the fees. The openings for Summer Camp employees have also declined. The fees for athletic programs were only raised \$5 so no decline in participation was seen this year. Mr. Stern suggested that Mr. Middleton send a letter to County Council Chairman Newton showing the decline in Summer Camp due to the increased fees. Mr. Middleton agreed to hand carry a letter to Chairman Newton. Mr. Grayson asked if security was provided at all adult sporting events. Mr. Miller stated the deputies are currently only at basketball games but do have extra patrols at all adult sporting events throughout the county.

Mr. Penale reported that an Athletic Director (Joshua Pelger) has been hired and will start in July. Green Shell Park Grand Opening Ceremony will be Saturday, June 5, 2004. Barker Field expansion is on track for September opening for the soccer season. Summer Camp numbers are 46 compared to 82 last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Grayson inquired on the status of the revision of the Athletic Director job description for PALS. Mr. Miller stated that a second letter was sent to Loretta Shields (copy of letter was included in board package) who said she would have an answer before this meeting. However, he did not hear from her. Mr. Penale has also E-mailed Ms. Shields. Human Resources told Mr. Penale that an associate's degree was needed for this position. Mr. Penale asked what experience equals an associate's degree. Ms. Shields told Mr. Penale that the requirement was a four-year degree. The Board would like Mr. Kubic to attend the next PALS Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stern stated that PALS has rubber volleyballs. Mr. Miller stated he has never ordered rubber balls. Mr. Manesiotis stated that Chaplin Park looks great. Mr. Grayson stated that one of the fields in Bluffton is still full of rocks. Mr. Grayson announced that he is now a candidate for the ABBS Board and was wondering if any conflict of interest exists since he also serves on the PALS Board. Mr. Manesiotis said he also sits on the Island Rec Board and no conflicts were ever seen. It is actually beneficial since the boards can get a cross feed from each other. Mr. Grayson asked Mr. Middleton who replied no conflict exists. Mr. Middleton announced that the Rail-to-Trail project has come to a halt and asked if anyone has been contacted. No one has.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, July 1st, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the Burton Wells Complex, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, SC 29906.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

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