

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004
Scott Center
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Orethia White, Vice Chair
Thomas Mobley
Calvin White
Allen Stern
Michael Manesiotis
William Brown

H.C. Boehm, Jr., Deputy Administrator, Public Services

Absent: Corinne Hagood
William Grayson

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 2:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF November 4, 2004 AGENDA

Mrs. White motioned to approve November 4, 2004 agenda.
Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF October 7, 2004 MINUTES

Mr. Mobley motioned to approve October 7, 2004 minutes.
Mrs. White seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Mobley announced he was present at the October 7, 2004 PALS Board Meeting but was not listed as such. Correction hereby made.*

REVIEW OF ALL PALS BOARD COMMITTEES

Program Committee: William Brown, Corinne Hagood, William Grayson

Finance Committee: Allen Stern, Michael Manesiotis, Calvin White

Long Range Planning Committee: Arthur Middleton, Thomas Mobley, Calvin White

Facilities Committee: Orethia White, Arthur Middleton

CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort County

Mr. Miller announced that basketball registration has begun. Soccer and football are ending; tournaments are beginning. All the centers are getting ready for winter activities.

Mr. Miller reviewed an incident in the 13-15 year old soccer league where the officials did not make the proper call. PALS may get calls regarding the situation. The officials have been briefed on the violation. After questions from the board, Mr. Miller explained that there was a red card given to a player with 15 minutes left in the game. The officials allowed a substitution. Again at the five-minute mark, the same situation occurred. The opposing team caught the error at the two-minute mark. A protest was submitted to request a forfeit of the game. Mr. Stern asked if these were new officials-they were not. Mr. White asked if there was a head official at every game-there is.

Mr. Mobley asked the status of Fort Fremont and Lady's Island Park. Mr. Miller stated that there is a meeting on November 12. All the covenants will be reviewed and then the fort will be signed over to the county. A six-foot fence will be constructed around the entire area. A master plan will then be done. A community meeting will be scheduled to receive citizen input. Fort Fremont is one of about fifteen or twenty parks that are being acquired. The Lady's Island Park property is now being appraised. Crystal Lake has been acquired on Lady's Island.

Southern Beaufort County

Buckwalter Park: Mr. Penale displayed and reviewed the conceptual plan for Buckwalter Park. There are six soccer fields, concessions and restrooms, community center, a fifty-meter pool, baseball diamonds, open space areas and a trail that leads down to the tennis complex with twelve courts and a center court. Right now we are hoping for three soccer fields and a restroom. That will be Phase 1. The total cost for Phase 1 will be \$2.4M, we now have \$1.125M. The construction will begin May 05. Operating costs include one full-time position for maintenance that will be paid by the Town of Bluffton and PALS is hoping to add one part-time Recreation Aide. The completion time may be anywhere from three to five years depending on funding. The entire project cost a year and a half ago was \$18M.

Camp St. Mary's: PALS has \$400K in CIP funds for this project. Most of the structures that are out there now will be demolished. The Chapel, cafeteria and the lodge will be left. The total for this project is a little over \$4M. Hopefully by end of this period, a picnic area will be ready. The old swimming pool will be filled in and covered.

Barker Field Expansion will include fencing and landscaping work that will be done in the next couple of weeks. The field lights at Bluffton Rec Center, Shults Park and Basil Green is now in the bid process. PALS will be adding about \$20K of playground equipment to Dafuskie Island. Oyster Factory restrooms should be completed by the end of January 2005. This years PARD projects includes replacing bleachers and installing lights at the basketball court at M.C. Riley. The Athletic Specialist in Bluffton has left for another job.

Mr. Stern announced the Senior Games began on Monday, November 1 2004 with over 500 participants. This has been the largest Games so far in the county. More participants are from North of the Broad.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Manesiotis asked about the history of the Scott Center. Mr. Miller explained that the building was leased for 25 years to the county. The owners are the Young Men's Social Club and the Ladies Union. The new section has been open since May 2004. The original lease was signed in 1974. The Scott Center also hosts an After School Program for children from St. Helena Elementary and Lady's Island Middle Schools. A Senior Program also takes place at the center.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, SC 29906.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

/jmw