

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005
Bluffton Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Orethia White, Vice Chair
Allan Stern
Michael Manesiotis
William Grayson
William Brown
Thomas Mobley
Morris Campbell, Director, Community Service
Jeannette Williams, Executive Director, Beaufort Senior Services
Joyce Brown-Major, Chairman, Senior Services Board
Jim Nabors, Senior Services Board
Sue Kinnard, Senior Services Board
Gabriel Guedea, Bluffton Resident

Absent: Calvin White
Corinne Hagood
John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS

PALS Staff: Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS
Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:33p.m.

APPROVAL OF February 3, 2005 AGENDA

Mr. Stern motioned to approve February 3, 2005 agenda.

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF January 6, 2005 MINUTES

Mr. Stern motioned to approve January 6, 2005 minutes.

Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bluffton resident, Gabriel Guedea, addressed the Board with his concerns of moving his children up a level in soccer, a move that would consist of a two-year advancement. Mr. Guedea believes his children's skills exceeds the ability of the other children in their age group. Mr. Guedea stated he is not concerned with winning or losing, but he is concerned that if his children remain in their perspective age groups, they will not increase their skills. Mr. Middleton advised Mr. Guedea he would receive further directions from Mr. Penale.

After Mr. Guedea left, Mr. Manesiotis advised Board members of a private soccer league in Hilton Head that would be an alternative for Mr. Guedea. Mr. Manesiotis was given a contact number to reach Mr. Guedea to explain his options.

SENIOR SERVICES

Mr. Morris Campbell addressed Board members with a recommendation from Beaufort Senior Services. Mr. Campbell introduced Senior Services staff and Board members present. Mr. Campbell advised Board members that one year ago Senior Services received a \$350,000 grant to expand space for seniors. At the current facility in Port Royal, there is no room for expansion. In addition, the administrative facility in Port Royal has recently been sold. Senior Services has submitted a proposal for an addition to the current Burton Wells site. Mr. Campbell presented a schematic drawing of the proposal, demonstrating maximum use of available funds.

Mrs. Jeannette Williams, Executive Director, Senior Services requested the ability to temporarily move into the Burton Wells facility due to current facility being sold. Mrs. Williams states that a move has to be completed by mid July. It is her recommendation that senior efforts are combined with those offered by PALS. Mrs. Williams reminded Board members Beaufort County currently does not offer a multi-purpose facility that could be utilized by Senior Services. It is Mrs. Williams hope that a combined effort would produce a comprehensive program that would lead to national accreditation from the National Institute for Senior Services, which would then allow for more funding. Mrs. Williams referred Board members to handouts which gave a summary of Senior Services' history, programs and services offered. Mr. William Brown inquired about the effect of a partnership with current PALS programs (duplications). Mr. Campbell assured Board members of a comprehensive approach to a collaborative effort to eliminate duplication of programs. Mr. Campbell also explained that Senior Services would provide transportation to participants and would operate out of a separate budget. Mr. Campbell explained to Board members that a commitment would be needed by June 1.

Mr. Stern motioned to use land at Burton Wells to accommodate Senior Services new facility.

Mrs. White seconded.

Motion Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE (Mr. Joe Penale reporting)

- A. Mink Point Air Conditioning- work has been completed.
- B. Burton Wells Playground Equipment – will be delivered April 8.
- C. American Double Dutch Regional Competition – will be held April 16, 2005 at Burton Wells Recreation Center.
- D. Lady's Island Park – Mr. Miller is in negotiations with landowners and will report results at a later date.
- E. Fort Fremont – continuing to address resident concerns for beach access. Next scheduled meeting is April 18, 2005, Scott Community Center at 6 p.m..
- F. Buckwalter Park – Phase I bids will be accepted until April 28.

- G. Additional T-ball fields – Mr. Penale announced to Board members the building which sits in front of Bluffton Recreation Center will be demolished after offices are moved to Buckwalter Parkway. This move is to be completed by end of June. Mr. Penale recommended area turned into two (2) t-ball fields until Buckwalter Park is completed. Once Buckwalter Park is completed, this area would be turned into a picnic area.
- H. Field Lights – will begin at Basil Green next week, moving on to Bluffton Center and then Shults Park. Completion in 5-8 days
- I. SOB Baseball- season began on April 4th. Bluffton will host the SC State Tournament for 13 year olds July 23rd at Shults Park.
- J. SOB Soccer – season began April 5th.
- K. Camp St. Mary – Mr. Mobley inquired into the amount of activity at park. Mr. Penale advised Board currently no activity at Camp St. Mary. The area has been blocked off, however, the dock remains open for use. There is currently \$400,000 in CIP. To date, no decision has been made on where to begin.
- L. Budget – Mr. Penale advised Board PALS 2005 Budget was presented to Mr. Kubic, Mr. Boehm, and Mr. Henrikson and will now be presented to County Council for approval. Mr. Campbell advised the Board County Council will meet in mid May.
- M. Lighting at Lady’s Island Ball fields – Mr. Middleton reported lights on entire left side of fields out. Mr. Penale advised Board problem has already been addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

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