

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY MAY 5, 2005**  
**Burton Wells Recreation Center**  
**2:30 P.M.**

Present: Orethia White, Vice Chair  
Allan Stern  
Michael Manesiotis  
Thomas Mobley  
Calvin White  
Corinne Hagood  
William Brown  
William Grayson  
James Powell, Beaufort Resident  
Lamont Middleton, St. Helena Resident

Absent: Arthur Middleton, Chairman

PALS Staff: John Miller, Jr., Director, Northern Beaufort PALS  
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS  
Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. White called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF April 7, 2005 AGENDA**

Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve May 5, 2005 agenda.

Mr. Stern seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF April 7, 2005 MINUTES**

Mr. Manesiotis motioned to approve April 7, minutes.

Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Beaufort resident, James Powell, addressed the Board with his concerns on the discontinuation of the Men Adult Basketball League. Mr. Powell requested PALS Board reconsider the continuation of the program and/or the completion of the last year's league by allowing the last three (3) teams to compete for the championship. Mr. Powell reported there were only two (2) games left to complete the championship. Mr. Powell reminded the Board that there were no identified problems during actual game times and the incident that led to the termination of the league occurred after game time, did not directly involve any

players. Mr. Powell suggested that with the continuation of the program those who are serious about the sport are willing to govern themselves to assure no other incidences of this magnitude ever happens again by enforcing a no tolerance rule. Mr. Powell indicated that he has spoken with Captain Horton, Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, and has his support.

Lamont Middleton, St. Helena Island resident, addressed the Board with his support of continuing the Men Adult Basketball League. Mr. Middleton contends that with the continuation of the program and the implementation of a "No Tolerance" rule, future games should be free of all incidents. Mr. Middleton requested PALS Board reconsider the continuation of Adult Men's Basketball League.

PALS Board members advised Mr. Powell and Mr. Middleton a letter would be sent to them advising of result.

After Mr. Powell and Mr. Middleton left, Board members asked Mr. Miller for a recommendation. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Powell had in fact, spoken with Capt. Horton. However, Capt. Horton expressed his relief at ending of Men Adult Basketball League. Mr. Miller stated that only with instructions from the Board and above, would he reinstate Men Adult Basketball League. PALS recommendation remains the same, to not have a Men Adult Basketball League.

Board member, Calvin White asked if there was any merit to the request being made. Mr. Miller advised the board that money was paid and there are two (2) games left. After much discussion, Mr. White made a recommendation.

**Mr. White motioned to allow completion of last year's tournament and termination of program, allowing the last two (2) games to be played on a Saturday morning.**

**Mr. Mobley seconded.**

**Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.**

### **LADY'S ISLAND**

Mr. Miller reported he has met with Robert Gallant. Mr. Gallant want the County to consider the option of developing a smaller (neighborhood) park with owners having the option of increasing density on the remaining parcels. Mr. Miller reported he and Mr. Gallant discussed a neighborhood park being 10-15 acres. Mr. Miller expressed his desire to develop a community park with the proposed 24 acres. Mr. Gallant indicated his family would want \$30,000 per acre for the property. Mr. Miller advised Mr. Gallant the County could currently offer up to \$18,000 per acre. Mr. Miller reported the appraised value of property is \$13,000 per acre.

Board member, Thomas Mobley, inquired about the use of 61 acres acquired for Trust for Public Lands. Mr. Miller advised that any land purchased with Rural and Critical Land funds can only be used for passive parks. Mr. Miller suggested that County piggyback, asking Rural and Critical Lands to acquire a portion of the 24 acres, providing approximately five to six acres for a passive portion of the park.

**Mr. Mobley motioned to continue pursuit of property on Lady's Island for park.  
Mrs. Hagood seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **POOL ADMISSION FEE INCREASE**

Mr. Miller reported PALS request for \$1.00 increase for pool admissions. There has been no increase since July 1996. Mr. Manesiotis inquired to the amount of revenue anticipated with increase. Mr. Miller reported expected revenues of \$30,000. Mrs. Hagood asked if increase would affect current discount currently offered to senior citizens. Mr. Miller advised Board that increase would only affect general walk-in fees.

**Mr. Manesiotis motioned to increase pool admission fee to \$3.00 for general walk-ins.  
Mr. Brown seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

#### *Northern Beaufort County PALS*

- A. Burton Wells Playground Equipment – Mr. Miller reported equipment has been installed. Chain links for swings are on back order. Playground area will be fenced. Mr. Stern recommends rubber pieces replace engineer wood chips. Mr. Stern stated that school district is replacing chips on all playgrounds with rubber chips.
- B. Budget – Mr. Kubic will present FY06 Budget to Council May 23, 2005.
- C. American Double Dutch Regional Competition April 16, 2005 – Burton Wells Recreation Center hosted over 100 participants and over 300 spectators. BCPALS has one team (high school division) that will compete at State Tournament in Columbia, SC May 7, 2005.
- D. Fort Fremont – The Fort Fremont Planning Committee met on May 2, 2005.
  1. Beach Access - County decided to move fence to allow beach access. Residents not pleased. They prefer to have a gate with key access given to residents Lands End.
  2. Fees – Planning Committee agree to fee, but are requesting that Lands End residents are free.
  3. Next meeting to held June 20, 2005 at 6 p.m. at Scott Community Center.
- E. Senior Services – Mr. Miller is currently working with Jeannette Williams, Executive Director, Beaufort County Senior Services. June 6, 2005, Senior Services will temporarily move to Burton Wells Recreation Center, occupying the Senior Room. There are currently plans to build an expansion to the left wing of Burton Wells Recreation Center. Mark Clancy, architect of Burton Wells, recommends a stand alone building. Mr. Clancy has expressed his willingness to work with PALS in making Senior Services' new home at Burton Wells a reality.
- F. Family Night – Burton Wells will host Family Night May 21, 2005 6:30-9 p.m.
- G. Senior Olympics – Burton Wells will host Senior Olympics May 26, 2005 11-1 p.m.

*Southern Beaufort County PALS*

- A. Buckwalter Park – Bids for Buckwalter Park Phase I has been received. Phase I will include two(2) soccer fields, restrooms, and a picnic area.
- B. Daufuskie Island Playground – Playground equipment for Daufuskie Island has been received. Public Works will provide construction of equipment.
- C. Baseball/Softball – Baseball and softball programs are ongoing and going well.
- D. Lighting Projects – Lighting projects are almost complete. Shults Field, Bluffton Recreation, and Basil Green Fields are expected to be completed by May 21, 2005.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Mrs. White asked of outcome of concerns expressed by Bluffton resident, Gabriel Guedea. Mr. Manesiotis advised Board that information was passed on to Mr. Guedea.
- 2. Mr. Stern inquired about fee increase for PALS programs. Mr. Miller advised him that fee increases were approved and will be in effect July 1, 2005.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Mrs. Hagood advised Board of her visit to Port Royal Community Center. She asked committee members to take a look at parking area and sidewalks for repairs.
- 2. Mr. White expressed his congratulations to Mr. Miller on his graduation from USCB.

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is **Thursday, June 2, 2005** at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Recreation Center, 61 Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.