

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY JULY 7, 2005**  
**Burton Wells Recreation Center**  
**2:30 P.M.**

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Allan Stern  
Thomas Mobley  
Calvin White  
Corinne Hagood  
William Grayson  
H.C. Boehm, Director, Public Services

Absent: Orethia White, Vice Chair  
Michael Manesiotis  
William Brown  
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF July 7, 2005 AGENDA**

Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve July 7, 2005 agenda.

Mr. Stern seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF May 5, 2005 MINUTES**

Mr. Stern motioned to approve May 5 minutes.

Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **BLUFFTON OYSTER FACTORY**

Mr. Miller introduced Joshua Martin, Town Manager, Bluffton.

Mr. Boehm stated concurrence is needed from PALS Board and Town of Bluffton to move forward with Oyster Factory project. The County purchased land through Rural and Critical Lands to preserve.

Mr. Martin reported Oyster Factory is located along the May River. It is currently the only public access point to the May River. Mr. Martin gave an overview of the Oyster Factory conceptual master plan. The conceptual plans show a picnic area, oyster tables, restrooms, grass parking areas, learning center, mine garden areas and natural trails. The overall cost of the project is \$600,000. Town of Bluffton will use funds from park impact fees. The Bluffton Rotary Club wants use the Bluffton Oyster Factory as their next project.

Mr. Mobley asked the size of Bluffton Oyster Factory site. Mr. Martin reported that the site is approximately five (5) acres. The Oyster Factory is still in operation. Mr. Stern asked if there were any problems obtaining permits for boat docks. Mr. Martin reported no problems obtaining permits. Mr. Boehm reported the reason Rural and Critical Lands purchased the property is because it is the only oyster factory in operation in the state of South Carolina.

**Mr. Stern motioned to concur with Town of Bluffton's conceptual master plan for the Oyster Factory project.**

**Mrs. Hagood seconded.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

### *Northern Beaufort County PALS*

- A. Budget – PALS received all funds requested for operations.
- B. Lady's Island Park- Mr. Miller received a call from Mr. Gallant indicating that his family is no longer interested in selling property. Mr. Gallant will submit in writing their decision.
- C. Fort Fremont – The next Fort Fremont Planning Committee is set for August 1, 2005 at 6 p.m. at Scott Community Center. The Committee will finalize the Master Plan and forward plans to PALS Board. Fencing has been completed on two (2) sides of Dowling property.
- D. All Stars – 13-15 year old Girls are going to the State Championship.

### *Southern Beaufort County PALS*

- A. No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Athletic fees approved @ \$55.00 for all programs at May 2005 PALS Board meeting, with \$5.00 going to a special capital account. Increase went into effect July 1, 2005.
2. Adult Basketball – recommendation not approved by County Administrator.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Middleton inquired on the status of Burton Wells Phase II. Mr. Miller advised Board members Burton Wells Phase II may be completed once Buckwalter is completed.
2. Mr. Stern inquired on media outlets being used to inform public of PALS Board meetings and agendas. Mr. Miller advised Board members the Public Information Officer was being utilized, however, PALS staff would ensure that all media outlets are used.
3. Long Range Committee will meet 1:30 pm at Bluffton Recreation Center August 4, 2005.

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is **Thursday, August 4, 2005** at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Recreation Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.