

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006
Burton Wells Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Allan Stern
Corinne Hagood
William Brown
Thomas Mobley
Calvin White
Wayne Peterson, Beaufort Officials Association

Absent: Michael Manesiotis
William Grayson

Staff: H.C. Boehm, Jr., Director, Beaufort County Public Services
John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS
Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF March 2, 2006 AGENDA

Mr. Stern motioned to approve March 2, 2006 agenda.

Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF February 2, 2006 MINUTES

Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve February 2, 2005 minutes with corrections.

Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PALS BUDGET *Al Stern, Chairman, PALS Board Finance Committee reporting*

Referring to a handout of PALS Budget, Mr. Stern explained increase in request for utilities only major change in budget request this year.

Mr. Stern motioned to approve PALS Budget FY2006/2007 as written and forward to Council for approval.

Mrs. Hagood seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Quotes were accepted from Graybar Fence to complete the gates and fencing for Fort Fremont Park. Quotes for roads came in above available funds. Russ Marane is looking into alternative to paving entrances. Noting the Highway 278 project, Mr. Miller reported asphalt is at a premium and availability is low.
- B. Crystal Lake Park- Truitt Rabon, Land Planners, is seeking additional data in terms of surveying from Robert Klink. Mr. Rabon will forward a letter to Mr. Klink's office outlining items needed from Beaufort County Planning. One of the concerns is where the by-pass will come into Highway 802, which will impact Crystal Lake Park.
- C. Agnes Major Center – Mr. Miller met with residents of Sheldon Township on January 30 and February 27, 2006 to discuss their concerns for access to Agnes Major Center. Two years ago, Beaufort County negotiated a lease with Boys and Girls Club. The lease, as it is written, does not allow the community to use the building. Recommendations have been forward to Mr. Boehm.

Recommendation #1 suggests Boys and Girls Club provide Sheldon Community the opportunity to use Agnes Major Center at a rental rate equivalent to what PALS charge for use of centers. The Boys and Girls Club has said Beaufort County would need to pay for upkeep of the building to provide access to the community.

Recommendation #2 suggests PALS renegotiate the lease with the Boys and Girls Club. New agreement would have Boys and Girls Club renting the facility from PALS for \$500 per month. The agreement would be similar to what PALS did for the Church of the Cross in Bluffton renting space at the Bluffton Center for a school. PALS would be responsible for Agnes Major Community Center and would rent the facility just as we do other facilities. Of course, PALS would coordinate with Boys and Girls Club before renting facility.

Mr. Miller reported having spoken with Councilman Gerald Dawson. PALS will continue to keep Councilman Dawson abreast of progress.

Mr. Mobley motioned to have Boys and Girls Club compose a rental system that would allow Sheldon Community residents access to Agnes Major Center.

Mr. Brown seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Public Services Committee Meeting – Mr. Miller reported no replacement for Mrs. White has been selected.

Mr. Stern motioned to recommend Bryan Hill to County Council as replacement of Mrs. Orethia White on PALS Board.

Mr. Brown seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Sports Academy – Lease expires August 31, 2006. Mr. Kirkwood has purchased or leased a new building. Mr. Miller will meet with Mr. Kirkwood to inquire of his intention of property located on Depot Road.
- F. MCCA Staff - Mr. Miller will meet with Paul Smith, Aquatic Program Director, MCCA, to discussing partnering with MCCA in aquatic programming.

Southern Beaufort- Joseph Penale, Jr. reporting

- G. Buckwalter Park – 70% complete. Water and sewer has been installed. Irrigation system is underway. Mr. Boehm reported Public Services Committee voted to incorporate Impact Fees of \$2.6 million into Buckwalter Park towards Phase II.
- H. Crossings Park – Hilton Head Baseball Association has proposed constructing six awnings over the bleachers. Total cost of the project is \$21,000. Hilton Head Baseball Association is willing to donate \$14,000 if County will match the remaining funds. PALS Board unanimously agreed to move forward in constructing awnings over bleachers at Crossings Park with the support of Hilton Head Baseball Association.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Stern's recommendation to develop a schedule of key issues PALS Board must vote on yearly – PALS will provide information at April meeting.
- B. Mr. Stern presented PALS CIP Priority Listing. Mr. Mobley questioned priority listing as it relates to Lady's Island. PALS Board asked that additional population data reference Bluffton and Lady's Island is gathered and presented at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Background Check – Mr. Stern asked if PALS currently has any policies governing the requirement of Background checks for groups using PALS facilities. PALS will consult Kelly Golden, Beaufort County Staff Attorney, and report results at next meeting.
- B. Nomination of Vice Chair – Mr. Middleton asked Board Members to be prepared to nominate a Vice Chair at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.