

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006
Burton Wells Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Allan Stern, Vice Chair
Corinne Hagood
William Brown
William Grayson
Bryan Hill

Absent: Calvin White
Michael Manesiotis
Thomas Mobley

PALS Staff: H.C. Boehm, Jr., Director, 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 2:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF May 4, 2006 AGENDA

Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve May 4, 2006 agenda.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF April 6, 2006 MINUTES

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

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

Mr. Middleton welcomed new Board Member, Bryan Hill. On behalf of all members of PALS Board, expressed his delight on Mr. Hill's decision to serve on PALS Board.

POLICY FOR PARTICIPANTS MOVING UP ONE AGE GROUP

Mr. Penale reported PALS is revisiting this concern based upon the increasing number of requests. In the past, PALS has recommended not allowing children to move up. Today PALS Staff recommend the following policy:

If a request is made for a participant to move up one age group, an evaluation will be conducted by PALS staff for a determination. Upon completion of evaluation, PALS staff will notify parents of decision.

Mr. Miller stated PALS Staff request the aforementioned policy to be considered only with the stipulation of PALS Staff conducting evaluations. Mr. Hill recommended PALS Staff develop a grading system for final determinations. Mr. Boehm addressed Board Members asking if they would like to review criteria and when this policy will become effective. Mr. Middleton requested new grading system for moving participants up one age group is presented prior implementing new policy. Mr. Miller advised Board Members this new policy will become effective with PALS 2006 Fall Sports.

Mr. Stern motion to approve policy allowing participants to move up one age group upon the recommendation of PALS Staff, after an evaluation has been completed.

Mr. Brown seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Road between Lands End Road and Bay Point road are under construction. Road will be completed within two weeks. Ian Hill and PALS will begin seeking grants to assist with cleanup of actual forts.
- B. Crystal Lake Park- May 15, 2006, Lady's Island Community Preservation Committee will meet with park planner and staff for a planning session. Once formalized, recommendation will be presented to PALS Board.
- C. Pool HVAC Systems – Mock Plumbing won bid on HVAC systems at pool. Pools will experience some weekend closures and 2-week closures during the month of July. This will cause the least amount of disruption to Summer Camp activities. Mr. Boehm requested closures are announced through Beaufort County Public Information Officer. Mr. Miller advised Board all media outlets to be utilized to inform public of closures.
- D. Dale Lights – Currently under contract. Lights will be erected during month of July. The baseball field will not be accessible for about one month while construction is going on.
- E. Shell Point Park & Basil Green Restrooms – Pre-bid meeting on May 11, 2006. Bids will open May 25, 2006.
- F. Summer Camp – Registration ends on May 5, 2006. PALS will extend registration period for one week.
- G. Greene Street Pool – Will open Memorial Day weekend.
- H. PALS Budget – Still in budget process. Department Head will not make presentations this year.

- I. Seaside Center – Approval has been granted by Historical Preservation Committee to rename Seaside Center Gloria Potts Community Center. PALS will inform Board of planned ceremony for name change.

Southern Beaufort- Joe Penale reporting

- J. Camp St. Mary – Demolition to begin this month.
- K. Buckwalter County Park – No work going on at this time. Mr. Penale will inquire and report results to PALS Board.
- L. Baseball & Spring Soccer- Season ongoing with 953 participants.
- M. Altamaha – Met with Planning and architect. Plan will include parking lot, decorative fencing, utilities, and trails. Awaiting \$300,000 grant from state.
- N. Bluffton Oyster Factory – Town of Bluffton will contribute \$700,000 and Beaufort County will contribute \$200,000 to begin development.
- O. Girls Softball State Tournament – Starts July 14, 2006 in Bluffton.

Mr. Boehm reported County Council and County Administrator has requested a synopsis of all parks and projects, indicating when property was obtain, cost of property, and anticipated completion.

OLD BUSINESS

CIP Letter – Mr. Stern referred everyone to copy of new CIP letter submitted to County Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Camp - Faxed letter received during meeting from resident asking PALS to reconsider program dates for Summer Camp. Mr. Miller will forward copies to Board Members. Mr. Miller explained dates are set to accommodate students on both year-round and traditional calendars. The week prior to start date allows for proper staffing and setup.

Burton Wells Signage – Mrs. Hagood requested explanation of missing letters on Burton Wells County Park sign at entrance of park. Mr. Miller explained missing letters were result of vandalism. As an incentive to discourage future vandalism, Mr. Miller, with the support of Councilman Glaze and Mr. Boehm, have suspended open gym at Burton Wells Recreation Center for two weeks. Mr. Miller reported one of the letters has already been returned.

Mr. Middleton reminded Board Members that when there are public comments, Board Members should refrain from making any comments. Mr. Middleton explained Members should listen to concerns, ask only questions that help Board to make decisions. All concerns presented to Board through public comment will be addressed after public has been dismissed.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Recreation Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

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