

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2006**  
**Bluffton Recreation Center**  
**2:30 P.M.**

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Allan Stern, Vice Chair  
Corinne Hagood  
William Brown  
William Grayson  
Michael Manesiotis  
Thomas Mobley

Absent: Calvin White  
Bryan Hill

PALS Staff: 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 June 1, 2006 AGENDA**

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve June 8, 2006 agenda.**  
**Mr. Manesiotis seconded the motion.**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF May 4, 2006 MINUTES**

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve May 4, 2006 minutes.**  
**Mr. Brown seconded the motion.**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

*Northern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Met with contractor and approved sub-grad. Paving to begin soon between Lands End and Bay Point Roads. Once paving is completed, Contractor will finalize fencing, gates and landscaping. Regarding the beach portion of the park, PALS is awaiting the archeologist final report. JK Tiller has submitted the final plan that indicates a path going to the beach, as well as, parking spaces (3 handicap and 5 golf carts). Ian Hill has forwarded JK Tiller's plans to State officials for review and approval.

- B. Crystal Lake Park- Still in design phase. Group met last month. Truitt Rabon, Land Planners, requested 30 days. Group will meet with Lady's Island Community Preservation Committee Monday, June 19, 2006 at Lady's Island Airport. Mr. Rabon will submit the first draft of the Master Plan at that time.
- C. Dale Lights –Lights are scheduled for erection during month of July. Ball field will be closed for entire month. PALS has contacted the Councilman for that district and residents to inform them of schedule.
- D. Shell Point Park & Basil Green Restrooms – Pre-bid meeting on May 11, 2006. Bids will open May 25, 2006. Summer Camp – Starts June 12, 2006. Employee Services will conduct orientation for Summer Camp staff on Saturday, June 3, 2006. Summer Nutrition program will begin June 5, 2006.
- E. PALS Budget – Still in budget process. Department Head will not have to make presentations this year.
- F. Seaside Center – Mr. Middleton inquired about plans for Seaside center renaming. Mr. Miller reported he spoke with Ms. Ernestine Atkins and asked that she speak with Low Country Alliance to schedule a date. Board agreed a Saturday morning event held during the month of August would be suitable.
- G. PALS Budget – Mr. Mobley asked for the status of PALS Budget. Mr. Miller reported PALS Budget has gone through the first reading. To date, County Council has approved a 2% cost of living increase and a longevity program for employees with at least five years of service. Mr. Miller advised Board that he would provide greater details at next meeting. Mr. Kubic has stated that once final approval has been granted, Department Heads will have to adjust their budgets accordingly.
- H. PALS Proclamation – Mr. Miller reminded Board July is Parks and Recreation Month. PALS will request Proclamation is placed on County Council June 26, 2006 agenda.
- I. Athletics – Tournaments will be hosted in Northern Beaufort County. PALS. Dixie Youth Majors and Girls Softball District Tournaments will be held at Burton Wells.
- J. Burton Wells Bike Trail – Mr. Mobley asked for results of PALS request for grant funds to construct Burton Wells Bike Trail. Mr. Miller reported PALS just received notification PALS grant request was denied. In Beaufort County Penn Center received funding. Mr. Miller reported Bob Stoothoff e-mailed stating the developer of Habersham, Bob Turner is willing to donate manpower and equipment to go in and clear the trail. PALS would only need help from County Engineers to outline trails and mark trees. PALS will meet with group to discuss this option
- K. TCL Gymnasium – PALS, along with Mark Roseneau, has been tasked to look at the TCL gymnasium. PALS is not certain that this facility will be a good fit for PALS programming.
- L. Hurricane Season – Hurricane season begins today. PALS will conduct an exercise on June 8, 2006 at Grays Hill Baptist Church to demonstrate how distribution site supposed to be set and operated. Various agencies will also participate in this exercise. The State has mandated how distributions sites should be set up.

*Southern Beaufort- Joe Penale reporting*

- M. Buckwalter County Park – Sewer, water, drainage and irrigation systems completed. Fields are ready to be sprigged. Contractor is currently on the entrance road. Conduit power and restroom constructions will begin this month. Completion of project expected by July 2006.
- N. Nike Grant – Received \$5000 Nike Grant for athletic programs.
- O. Tournament Schedules- 11 teams District Minors June 23-28, 2006. 5 teams Sub-district (14 year olds) June 26-30, 2006. 48 teams Girls State July 14-21, 2006. Tournaments should provide an impact of 1.2million dollars on local economy.
- P. Soccer season is completed.

- Q. Altamaha – Mr. Mobley asked for location of Altamaha. Met with Planning and architect. Plan will include parking lot, decorative fencing, utilities, and trails. \$300,000 grant from state has been received. These funds will be used for construction. \$80, 000 in gift monies is still available. Altamaha is physically located on Old Bailey Road in Heyward Pointe.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. CIP Letter – Mr. Middleton asked if PALS has received any response from Councilman Lamb. Mr. Miller reported to date no response has been received. PALS will inquire via Mr. Boehm about a response.
- B. Meeting with Edna Crews – Mr. Stern reported he received e-mailed response from Ms. Crews stating she was awaiting return of staff. After discussion with her staff, Ms. Crews will contact Mr. Sterns with response.
- C. Public Comments – Mr. Mobley expressed his concern that the Public is dismissed after Public Comments. Mr. Mobley suggested that once a concern is brought before Board, someone make a motion to add to next agenda. Mr. Miller shared with Board procedures followed by County Council.
- D. Criteria for Moving Players Up One Age Group – Mr. Miller submitted to Board PALS proposed criteria for moving players to next age group. PALS criteria will be based on safety, maturity of players, ability, agility and dexterity. Mr. Manesiotis suggest putting statement of requirements for each criterion. Mr. Brown suggest deleting “Below Average” category.

**Mr. Grayson motioned to accept criteria to move players up one age group, who through evaluation have accumulated minimum score of 60/40 indicating “Exceptional” and “Above Average”, deleting the “Below Average” category.**

**Mrs. Hagood seconded.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

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