

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2006
Burton Wells Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Corinne Hagood
William Brown
William Grayson
Michael Manesiotis
Thomas Mobley
Bryan Hill

Absent: Allan Stern, Vice Chair

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 September 7, 2006 AGENDA

Mr. Mobley motioned to approve September 7, 2006 agenda.

Mr. Manesiotis seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF August 3, 2006 MINUTES

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

Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Remaining fence and gates are currently being erected. JK Tiller soliciting quotes for development of park area between Bay Point Road and the river. The archeologist has granted authorization to move forward. In terms of the pathways to beach, the surface has been changed from asphalt to a type of crushed rock. Awaiting quote from REA Construction on clearing and under brushing to allow a view from the fort to the river.

- B. Crystal Lake Park- St. Peter's Catholic Church wants to sell portion of property located on the lake. Councilman Dick Stewart spoke with church officials reference joint use by means of lease agreement. Mr. Miller stated he forwarded an e-mail to Russ Marane, Trust for Public Land, to see if there is the possibility of using Rural and Critical Lands to purchase the property from St. Peter's. Beaufort County's interest in this small portion of land was to use it to complete the trail around the perimeter of the park. Mr. Middleton asked how large is property. Mr. Miller reported property of interest is less than an half acre. Mr. Mobley asked status of high school property. Mr. Miller reported no response from School District received to date.
- C. Burton Wells Stadium – Letter received from MCAS stating their opposition to placing 6000-seat stadium at Burton Wells.
- D. Pool HVAC Systems – CIP group is working with engineers to correct problems. Group last met on September 5, 2006 to discuss insulating roofs, tempering the glass, and other ideas on how to properly heat and cool the indoor pools.
- E. Finance Report – Referencing a handout included in PALS Board packet, Mr. Miller described the different accounts PALS has. This report is the year-ending for fiscal year 2005-2006. Formatted to show amount budgeted and percentage used, not including cost for personnel.
- F. Basil Green & Shell Point Restrooms – During August PALS Board meeting, Mr. Grayson asked cost to construct restroom at Basil Green Park. Mr. Miller report total cost is \$115,000. Mr. Miller also reported cost to build Shell Point restroom is \$130,000. Mr. Brown asked if cost inclusive of tying into sewer or installation of septic systems. Mr. Miller reported cost includes tying into sewer.
- G. Senior Center – Request for Qualification for engineering, design and architectural services for Senior Center at Burton Wells County Park has just gone out and is due back September 19, 2006.
- H. SCRPA Conference – Mr. Miller and other Staff will be attendance at South Carolina Recreation & Park Association State Conference September 10-13, 2006 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
- I. PARD – Mr. Miller reported he is currently working on PARD allocations to County and other municipalities. Terry Norris, Planning, has been contacted to get new population data.
- J. Hurricane Center – Burton Wells Recreation Center has been designated Beaufort County's Emergency Services Hurricane Center. A new generator has been installed and is in full operation. Management Information Systems is currently in building outfitting telephone systems for Command Center, as representative from different departments and agencies will be housed at Burton Wells during disaster recovery. Mr. Manesiotis asked elevation of land. Mr. Miller reported Burton Wells in located on highest point in Northern Beaufort County.
- K. Appearance of Burton Wells – Mr. Manesiotis inquired about the outside appearance of Burton Wells Recreation Center, referencing peeling paint above entrance and signage. Mr. Miller reported problem already being addressed. Contractor may have use wrong type of paint. As for signage, Mark Rosenau is working on matching lettering, after which completion expected within 30 days.
- L. PALS Budget – Mr. Miller reported five new positions were granted in new budget. Those positions are:
 - 1. 1 Recreation Specialist II, Athletics – Bluffton
 - 2. 3 Full-time Recreation Aides – Northern Beaufort County centers
 - 3. 1 Recreation Leader – Northern Beaufort County centers

Southern Beaufort- Joe Penale reporting

- M. Buckwalter County Park – Soccer fields and restrooms are 90% complete. Expected to be completed by end of month. Layola Architectural Firm is in planning stages to design recreation center at Buckwalter Park.
- N. Oscar Frazier Park – Playground to be installed within 45 days.
- O. Old Bluffton Center- Ready for demolition. County has decided to bid demolition out.

- P. Bluffton Gym Roof – The bid is out. Engineering has given a timeframe of: October 25th return of bids, Council approval November 27th, and job completion by December 31st.
- Q. Camp St. Mary – Demolition is complete. Remaining buildings are secured. Security fence around perimeter has been installed.
- R. School Facility Use – No progress with contract with School District. John Williams is School District point of contact. Mr. Penale reported he will meet with new principal of middle school to discuss PALS use of facility.
- S. Fall Sports – Numbers are up 21%, reporting over 1250 participants. Mr. Hill asked when football schedules will be available. Mr. Penale reported first half is completed and available to be picked up from Bluffton Center
- T. Girls State Tournament – Finished running Girls State Tournament. Bluffton hosted 36 teams from across the state. Chamber of Commerce estimates \$1.2 million added to local economy. Bluffton has been selected to host 2007 Dixie Youth State Tournament. In 2008, PALS will host Dixie Junior Boys World Series.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. News Articles – Mrs. Hagood referenced two news articles; one referencing the value of PALS Learn to Swim program and the other, an editorial that mentions Beaufort High Athletic Director's desire to add swimming to curriculum of Freshmen Academy.
- B. Mr. Kubic's Visit to PALS – Mr. Hill and Mr. Middleton inquired on Mr. Kubic's visit to PALS. Mr. Miller reported visit has been rescheduled
- C. CIP Letter – Mr. Middleton asked if there has been a response to CIP letter sent to Council Public Services Committee. Mr. Miller report no response to date. A memorandum has been sent to Mr. Boehm requesting a response.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Center, 61-B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Mr. Brown reported he will not be in attendance at October Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

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