

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

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

Absent: Michael Manesiotis
Thomas Mobley
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF November 2, 2006 AGENDA

Mr. Brown motioned to approve November 2, 2006 agenda.

Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF October 5, 2006 MINUTES

Mr. Brown motioned to approve October 5, 2006 minutes.

Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Herbert Alston, President, Sheldon Community Center, Inc. addressed Board Members concerning Agnes Major Center and the community's interest in gaining access to the building for family and community functions. In the past community members had been denied access by Boys & Girls Club because of stipulations in current lease agreement and insurance requirements. Mr. Alston gave brief history of Agnes Major Center and how the Sheldon residents lost access to facility. Mr. Alston expressed residents in no way want to see Boys and Girls Club removed from Agnes Major. Attending with Mr. Alston and Mrs. Alston were: Ms. Mary Smalls, Ms. Algredda Ford and Ms. Maci B. Roberts.

Mrs. Rosa Alston read aloud a letter from Sheldon Community Center Inc. requesting space on the ground of Agnes Major Community Center to be used for community activities. Their complete request consists of: a large room for the capacity of 100 persons, kitchen and restroom.

Mr. Middleton explained PALS Board is aware of issues concerning Agnes Major Center and is working on a resolution that will benefit both parties. Mr. Middleton advised residents PALS Board will inform them in writing of any resolutions met. Residents dismissed themselves from meeting.

Mr. Miller advised Board he has been meeting with Sheldon residents since February 2006. The original lease of Boys and Girls Club expired April 2006. PALS Board has already forwarded a recommendation to County Council Public Services Committee that will allow Community use of the building. The recommendation forwarded read: 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. PALS would be responsible for Agnes Major Community Center. Boys and Girls Club would have exclusive use of building from 7AM – 7PM, Monday through Friday. PALS is awaiting County Staff Attorney to complete new lease agreement.

Mr. Evans motioned to expedite lease allowing shared use of facility by both Boys and Girls Club and Sheldon Residents. Board agreed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PARD

Mr. Miller presented PARD requests from each of the municipalities. Mr. Miller explained each year Beaufort County receives allocation from State Parks and Recreation and Tourism for Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) funds. This year’s total allocation is \$28,069.66. Disbursement of this year’s allocation is:

Jurisdiction	PARD Allocation	Project Description
City of Beaufort	\$2,526.27	Upgrade Mossy Oaks Playground
*Town of Bluffton	842.09	
Town of Hilton Head Island	7,017.42	Renovation of Island Recreation basketball courts
Town of Port Royal	1,964.88	14 th Street Master Plan
Beaufort County	\$15,719.00	Burton Wells Athletic Complex Lighting Improvement & Coosaw Center Playground Structure
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Beaufort County Totals	\$28,069.66	

In addition to this year’s request, City of Beaufort has requested funds allocated to Phase IV Master Plan of Pigeon Point Park in 2005/2006 PARD are used for upgrade of Mossy Oaks Park playground.

*Town of Bluffton has elected to allow Beaufort County to use their allocated funds for its project. A letter has been forwarded to state their wishes.

Mr. Hill motioned to proceed with PARD as written.

Mr. Brown seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Spoke with Chris Darnell, JK Tiller, who advised that within next three week all fences and gates will be completed. In terms of additional work to be done between Bay Point Road and the beach, JK Tiller will fax quote from REA Construction on construction costs. Once received, PALS will ask Russ Marane, Trust for Public Lands, amount of funds remaining and decide what to do with those dollars.

Met with John Holloway and Ian Hill of County Planning Department and Michael Murphy, Preservation Tree Care, who will submit a quote for cleaning up the fort by end of week.

- B. Crystal Lake Park- No change. Russ Marane is in discussions with St. Peter's Catholic Church reference purchase of property located on lake. Still have not talked with school reference portion of land on lake.
- C. Senior Center –Three proposals received. Committee met with one design firm on October 26, 2006. Second group cancelled and later declined. Third group will interview November 3, 2006 at 2pm.
- D. Dale Center – Lights up and running.
- E. Basil Green Complex Restrooms – Foundation prepared with all the plumbing. Now awaiting concrete.
- F. Shell Point Restrooms – Will meet with contractor to determine if County will use existing septic system or connect to sewage system. It has been determined that it will cost too much to make connection to sewage system.
- G. Promotions – Two employees have been promoted. Thomasina White promoted from Recreation Aide I to Recreation Leader at Scott Center, Felicia Smalls promoted from Recreation Aide I to Recreation Aide II at Greene Street Gymnasium. Laura Spain has been recommended for Recreation Aide II at Mink Point. After meeting with Mr. Kubic, Vincent Dean has been recommended from promotion Water Safety Instructor to Aquatic Specialist II at Bluffton Pool.
- H. PALS Christmas Party – PALS Board is invited to attend PALS Christmas Party December 8, 2006 at Burton Wells Recreation Center at 7pm.
- I. Beaufort County Christmas Party – County Administrator cancelled the December 2, 2006 celebration.
- J. Beaufort County Elite Mariners - PALS competitive cheerleaders will compete Saturday, November 11, 2006 in Irmo, South Carolina at SCAP State Cheer Championship at Irmo High School
- K. Basketball Registration – Will continue until Monday, November 6, 2006. After which, PALS will implement late registration fees.
- L. Buckwalter County Park – First walk-through has been completed and a punch list has been formed. Currently, the Contractor is going through the punch list
- M. Personnel – Will begin interviewing for Recreation Specialist II, Athletics position
- N. Bluffton Gym Roof – Bid awarded. There will be no impact on gym use during replacement process.
- O. Bluffton Middle School – Mr. Penale met with Principal of Bluffton Middle School. Principal approved use of Middle School gym for PALS basketball programs.
- P. Clerk to Council Deadlines – Just received notice from Clerk to Council on deadlines of documents needed from PALS Board. Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to PALS Director, distributed Conflict of Interest Forms and Request for Intent.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

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