

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007
Burton Wells Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Bill Evans
William Brown
John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS
Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

PALS Staff: Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS
Tanisha Scott, Administrative Technician
Henrietta Goode, PALS Accountant

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2007 AGENDA

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve March 1, 2007 agenda.
Mr. Grayson seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007 MINUTES

**Mr. Stern motioned to approve February 1, 2007 minutes.
Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Logan, Beaufort Tennis Association (BTA), reminded Board of their previous presentation requesting concurrence with resolution passed by County Council to build a tennis complex at Burton Wells Recreation Center. Mr. Logan inquired of status of process to build complex. Mr. Middleton advised Mr. Logan PALS will contact him with further information.

Mr. Charles Jenkins addressed Board reference renaming Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center in honor of Charles Lynn Brown. Mr. Jenkins gave a brief history of contributions of Mr. Brown to the community. Mr. Jenkins appealed to PALS Board to consider renaming Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center in honor of this beloved community leader.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

FOOTBALL AGE GROUPS

Mr. Penale reported no change, as Mr. Miller and Staff have not made a decision. Mr. Gray asked for Southern BCPAL S recommendation. Mr. Penale advised Board Southern BCPALS desires to change football age groups, however will wait for final decision of Northern BCPALS.

PALS BUDGET

Mr. Penale introduced Henrietta Goode, PALS Accountant, to present PALS 2007-2008 Budget Request for any questions. Mr. Sterns recommended a 5% annual increase for Island Recreation, allowing for \$15,000 increase. Mr. Manesiotis suggested a 5% increase was not sufficient. Mrs. Hagood suggested supporting increase as presented.

Mr. Sterns motioned for approval of PALS 2007 Budget Request as modified (5% annual increase for Island Recreation; increase from \$60,000 to \$75,000 for pools).

Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Joe Penale, reporting

- A. No reported changes for Northern Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services.
- B. Land Acquisition – TPL has acquired 477 acres park land, along with \$250,000 gift money.
- C. Altamaha - \$63,000 allocated awaiting transfer of funds to Beaufort County
- D. Okatie Preserve - \$200,000 allocated awaiting transfer of funds to Beaufort County.
- E. Buckwalter County Park – Met with design committee for a dog park at Buckwalter County Park using approximately 3 to 4 acres. Soccer fields will be turned over to County pending punch list meeting on March 2, 2007. Will meet with architect March 2, 2007 to discuss proposed design of recreation center
- F. Bluffton Gym Roof – Project is nearly complete.
- G. Demolition of building in front of Bluffton Center completed. Next week Public Works will begin staking infields for two (2) T-ball fields.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. CIP – Mr. Sterns, referring to handouts, asked why CIP request different from what PALS Advisory Board submitted. Mr. Penale reported changes made based on directives given to PALS from Administration.

NEW BUSINESS

Renaming of Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center

Bob Smith, addressed Board requesting consideration for renaming Greene Street Neighborhood Center in honor of Charles Lynn Brown. Mr. Smith gave an extensive history of contributions made by Mr. Brown to the community. Mr. Albert Jackson and Mr. Charles Singleton addressed Board adding to history of legacy left by Charles Brown. Mr. Smith, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Singleton, collectively requested of PALS Board, approval to rename Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center in honor of Charles “Lynn” Brown.

Mr. Mobley motioned to rename Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center in honor of Charles Lynn Brown.

Mr. Hill seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.

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