

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007
Bluffton Center
2:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Thomas Mobley

PALS Staff: H.C. Boehm, Jr., Director, Public Services Division
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 2:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2007 AGENDA

Mr. Manesiotis motioned to approve April 5, 2007 agenda.

Mr. Grayson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2007 MINUTES

Mr. Stern motioned to approve March 1, 2007 minutes.

Mr. Manesiotis seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Chris Tillotson, parent and football coach, addressed Board asking for consideration to be given to changing age groups for football. Mr. Tillotson wanted Board members to note the average size of 13 years olds today. More specifically asking for the following for PALS football program:

- 8-9 year old teams
- 10-11 year old teams
- 12-13 year old teams

Mr. Grayson asked if there are any other programs around the state that use this age grouping. Mr. Tillotson informed Board that private leagues use it, using as an example, Bluffton Bulldogs. Mr. Grayson asked if during the time for all-stars would there be other groups to compete with. Mr. Tillotson was certain there would be. Mr. Penale advised Board there is a movement in State to make such changes.

Mr. Miller advised Board he has asked staff to look into this issue and provide a report in terms of SCAP. Mr. Middleton advised Mr. Tillotson that once PALS has a chance to review any new trends in age grouping of football, he would be contacted with that information. PALS Board will review any information gathered before consideration. Mr. Miller advised PALS will be prepared to readdress at next meeting.

B. Mark Lawson, President, ABBS addressed Board expressing his concerns on sponsorship funds. Mr. Lawson stated ABBS members and supporters are often concerned that sponsorship funds acquired are not being used specifically for Southern Beaufort County athletic programs, more specifically, Bluffton area. ABBS members and sponsor are of the opinion that Northern Beaufort County PALS Athletic programs are not pulling their fair weight in obtaining sponsorship and rely on ABBS hard work. ABBS would like to see that sponsorship funds they have raised are not placed in General Funds for PALS.

Mr. Boehm addressed PALS Board and Mr. Lawson telling the story of a once very active baseball association that supported Northern Beaufort County PALS athletic programs. Mr. Boehm, explain during the height of this group's era, sponsorship was high in Northern Beaufort County and almost nil in Southern Beaufort County. Therefore creating a situation where seemingly one area is supporting the other. Mr. Boehm further explained that PALS has a responsibility of creating revenue. That revenue is created through fees and sponsorship. Mr. Boehm reminded Board that three Northern PALS staff members are doing the same work as ABBS and Southern PALS Athletic staff. Mr. Boehm further explained that Northern and Southern BCPALS have separate budgets that each Director is responsible for.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PALS 3-Year CIP – Mr. Sterns asked has there been any changes. Mr. Miller advised only change submitted added Burton Wells to FY07/08, increasing money to add this project. CIP has not been approved, yet. It has just moved forward to CIP Committee.
- B. \$5 Special Capital Funds – Mr. Hill asked for status. Mr. Miller advised he has spoken with Controller. Mr. Henrikson will be meeting with him to look at ordinance. As it stands, current ordinance does not allow account. An act of County Council to change ordinance would be needed. Mr. Hill inquired of report requested of total amount collected thus far. Mr. Miller asked Board to refer to handout indicating amounts.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort - John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Graybar Fencing has placed bolts for hanging signs. Signs should be in place by next week. Perimeter fencing almost completed .
- B. Crystal Lake Park- Project on hold.
- C. Senior Center –County Council approved expenditure of \$75,000 plus for design of Senior Center. Staff Attorney is finalizing MOA.
- D. Proposed Tennis Complex at Burton Wells – Mr. Miller presented another copy of resolution, pointing out tennis complex would be a part of the Northern Regional Planning. PALS is passing this project to the Planning Staff.
- E. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement –Staff Attorney is finalizing lease.

Southern Beaufort - Joe Penale reporting

- F. Bluffton Center – Demolition of old government building completed. Completion of T-ball fields in next two (2) weeks.
- G. Bluffton Gym – Roof completed.

H. Buckwalter County Park – Received new estimate for recreation center of \$4.3 million. Facility will include 2 gymnasiums and five offices. CIP Request will be updated to reflect new figures.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Renaming Greene Street Neighborhood Activity Center – Mr. Miller advised proposal currently at Beaufort County Historic Preservation Review Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Manesiotis informed Board Eagle Scouts trying to earn badges by building benches would like to use Chaplin Park as site. Complete information given to Joe for follow-up.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

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