

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007
Burton Wells Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.**

NO QUORUM

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Corinne Hagood
Bryan Hill
William Brown

Absent: Allan Stern, Vice Chair
Thomas Mobley
William Grayson
Michael Manesiotis
Bill Evans

PALS Staff: Councilman William McBride, Beaufort County Council
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 2:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2007 AGENDA

Mr. Brown motioned to approve May 3, 2007 agenda.

Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2007 MINUTES

Mr. Brown motioned to approve April 5, 2007 minutes.

Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

FRIENDS OF BEAUFORT

Mr. Miller reported a recommendation from Trust for Public Land (TPL) and Rural & Critical Land Program (RCLP) to form a citizen group. This five-member group, tentative referred to as Friends of Beaufort will be comprised of three (3) members of RCLP Board and two (2) members from PALS Board (a representative from Northern and Southern Beaufort County). This committee would report their fundraising findings to RCPL Board and PALS Board. Mr. Miller recommends selection of PALS Board representation for Friends of Beaufort at next PALS Board meeting.

FOOTBALL AGE GROUPS

Mr. Miller reported Northern Beaufort County PALS has not yet made a recommendation for any changes to football age groups. PALS staff has reported number in terms of football participation. The report indicates there are twenty-five (25) 12 year olds in the Northern Beaufort County, which covers three (3) districts. Mr. Miller expressed his desire to keep football age grouping at its current setting. Mr. Hill expressed his concern for safety in age groups where there is a large disparity in weigh differences, namely the 8-10 year old group. Mr. Brown recommends PALS Board Program Committee meet to further discuss numbers and make recommendation to Board at next meeting. Mr. Penale suggested acting on this issue as soon as possible with football registration beginning in July. Board agreed that Program Committee will meet May 10, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center. Stacie will contact all Committee members, Board members and media.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort - John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- All work by Preservation Tree Care has been completed. Graybar Fencing intended to have all fencing completed. Closing of McTeer bride may be hindrance. Public Works will continue maintenance.
- B. Crystal Lake Park- Project on hold.
- C. Senior Center –MOA signed by Mr. Kubic and forwarded to Senior Services for signature.
- D. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement –Emailed Staff Attorney for status. Awaiting response.

Southern Beaufort - Joe Penale reporting

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Center, 61 Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.

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