

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Burton Wells Recreation Center
Thursday, July 3, 2008
2:30 PM

Board Members Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Allan Stern, Vice Chairman
Robert Anderson
Bill Evans
William Grayson
Corinne Hagood
Thomas Mobley

Board Members Absent: William Brown
Michael Manesiotis

Staff Present: Eddie Bellamy, Interim Director of Public Services
John Miller, Director of Northern Beaufort PALS
Sherry Gordon-Jones, Administrative Assistant to Directors

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Arthur Middleton, Chairman, at 2:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF JULY 3, 2008 AGENDA

It was motioned by Corinne Hagood and seconded by Allan Stern to approve the July 3, 2008 agenda. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2008 MINUTES

It was motioned by Allan Stern and seconded by Thomas Mobley to approve the June 5, 2008 minutes. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Stern asked on behalf of the PALS Finance Committee that an explanation could be given in regards to Hilton Head/Bluffton's Expenditures from the June 5th Board Meeting. Mr. Miller explained that Mr. Penale, Southern PALS Director, was on vacation and could explain the expenditures at the next Board Meeting.

Mrs. Hagood reported for the Program Committee acting on behalf of a request by Mr. Penale at the June 5th Board Meeting to conduct a parent survey regarding the ABBS take-over. Mrs. Hagood read her letter that she e-mailed Board Members in regards to the Committee's decision not to conduct the survey. (Letter attached). Mr. Stern asked if the list of names that the Board

received from Mr. Penale included a list of questions to ask. Mr. Grayson explained that he along with the other members of the Program Committee was confused with the survey because it did not include any specific questions nor were they directed as to what Mr. Penale really wanted the survey to capture. Mr. Middleton asked if the take-over was completed. Mr. Miller explained that the take-over would be completed by next year.

The Board discussed responsibilities that ABBS or any organization that partners with PALS should have to PALS Board and Department. The Board felt that there should be some type of MOA and detailed reports on file from ABBS in regards to programs and progress since PALS is still covering some expenses of the program.

It was motioned by Mr. Stern for the Board to write a letter to ABBS requesting a report on progress and second by Mr. Grayson. Mr. Mobley recommended that Mr. Stern's motion be amended to include all organizations that use PALS facilities and/or programs to make a report. Mr. Middleton moved to table the matter until the next Board meeting when Mr. Penale is present to give more insight.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort – John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park – Awaiting Preservation Plan from Mr. Cullen Chambers. The Board will be updated once we speak with Cullen. PALS expect to have the completed plan by the end of the month.
- B. Crystal Lake Park – PALS has received the final Conceptual Master Plan. Glenn Stanford of TPL is still in the negotiations process with the church for property for additional properties.
- C. Senior Services Center – Currently under construction. July 11-12, 2008 will be closed for BJWSA and contractors will install water and sewer lines. PALS is anticipating completion by late August or early September.
- D. Agnes Major Center Lease – Forward a copy of the lease to Mr. Kubic, County Administrator, to forward to Howell, Gibson Law Firm to handle. Mr. Bellamy explained to Board that Ms. Golden, former County Attorney, had been released of her position the week prior and all County legal issues are being contracted out until a replacement is hired.
- E. All Stars Tournaments – 3 Teams in State playoffs (2 teams from Beaufort and 1 team from Hilton Head). Mr. Grayson added that 2 Bluffton Softball teams are going to state playoffs (8 & 12 yr. olds).

*Southern Beaufort – Mr. Miller reporting in absence of Joe Penale, Director of Southern PALS
Mr. Penale did not provide a report for Board.*

Mr. Bellamy apologized to the Board for Mr. Penale not providing a report for the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Anderson commended Southern PALS for their wonderful collaboration with the Bluff Fest.

Mr. Grayson asked about the dedication of the covered basketball facility. Mr. Grayson saw an article in *Bluffton Today* of the ribbon cutting ceremony that included a picture of Mr. Penale and Ms. Loper. Mr. Grayson wanted to know why the Board wasn't informed of this ceremony

and invited. Mr. Middleton advised to table the topic until the next Board meeting for Mr. Penale to explain.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Middleton asked Mr. Miller if Warsaw Center was a PALS facility or had the potential to be one. Per Mr. Middleton, there are a lot of children in the Warsaw area that would benefit from a center in that area. Mr. Miller explained to Mr. Middleton that they could discuss the potentials of that site at a later meeting.

Mr. Stern requested a written report on the impact of the new 2008-09 Fiscal Budget will have on PALS. Mr. Miller agreed to have report ready for Board.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller informed the Board that Mr. Penale requested that the next Board meeting be held at Burton Wells Recreation Center due to construction at Bluffton Recreation Center. Mr. Bellamy offered the use of Southern Beaufort County's Public Works Conference Room for the next meeting or the Board could elect to have 2 consecutive meeting at Burton Wells and two meeting at Bluffton. Mr. Middleton recommended for the next 2 consecutive meetings at Burton Wells counting 7/3/08 Board meeting and the next two consecutive meetings at Bluffton. The remainder PALS Board Meetings will be as follows:

July 3, 2008	Burton Wells Recreation Center	2:30 PM
August 7, 2008	Burton Wells Recreation Center	2:30 PM
September 4, 2008	Bluffton Recreation Center	2:30 PM
October 2, 2008	Bluffton Recreation Center	2:30 PM
November 6, 2008	Burton Wells Recreation Center	2:30 PM
December 4, 2008	Bluffton Recreation Center	2:30 PM

In the event that Bluffton Recreation Center is not completed with renovations, meetings will be held at Southern Beaufort County Public Works Conference Room.

Mr. Middleton thanked everyone for attending meeting.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 2:30 pm at the Burton Wells Recreation Center, Burton, South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm.