

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Buckwalter Meeting Room
Thursday, June 1, 2017
2:30 PM

Board Members Present: Tom Erter (Vice Chairman), Ronald Campbell, Erac Priester, Bruce Yeager, Mike Manesiotis

Board Members Absent: Arthur Middleton, Chairman; Greg McCord

Staff Present: Shannon Loper (Director to PALS), Matt Watts (Deputy Director to PALS), Missy Easler (Office Manager/Administrative Technician to PALS), Kristina Winland (PALS Pool Manager), Vincent Leon (PALS Pool Manger), Anny Binette (PALS Pool Manager), Brenda Lindblad (PALS Marketing), Lisa Arrington (Administrative Assistant to Director)

Guest Present: Mike Covert (County Council), Bridgette and Oscar Frazier (Oscar Frazier Foundation), Wayne Lilly and Floyd Washburn (Tennis), and Frank Soule (Island Recreation Center)

Call to Order: Tom Erter called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Public Comment:
No Public Comment.

Review:
Board approved minutes for February and April of 2017. Mr. Erter made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Manesiotis seconded the motion, all approved.

Financials:
Missy Easler presented the expenditures from July of 2016 through May of 2017; they are still trying to resolve the issues with revenue with MaxGalaxy and Munis. Missy presented that Administration is at 89%, Aquatics 84%, Beaufort Athletics 70%, Bluffton Athletics 78%, Hilton Head Athletics 91% and Other Recreational Centers at 45%. Mr. Erter questioned if there was a reason for being under budget. During the Hurricane the facilities were closed, which caused budget to be lower. There are not any Hurricane Matthew related expenditures; those would fall under FEMA. Shannon stated that they will be closer to budget by end of fiscal year by using some of the money for needed items.

Island Recreation Center: Frank Soule, Executive Director for Island Recreation Center, presented their results for spring sport events. Partnership with school programs went very well. Summer camps are currently going on, will report on them in winter meeting. Senior athletics is going on all the time, swimming is going well too. Expansion going on, staff moved to a small office area. Mike asked if selling naming rights for room or areas. Frank responded yes and they will have an Open House on June 21st. The total project is about \$14 million.

Oscar Frazier Foundation Presentation: Bridgette and Oscar Frazier Jr. presented a \$500.00 check to Shannon for PALS to use as needed. They also awarded a \$500.00 toward sponsorship of any child playing a PALS sports for equipment they may need. Oscar Frazier Sr. was instrumental in getting air condition in Bluffton Center and the building of park, now named after him.

New Business:

A: Programs for Exceptional People: Shannon Loper proposed to not charge the group from Programs for Exceptional People to use the pool. It was motioned by Tom Erter to not charge for 1 lane usage, and then seconded by Mike Manesiotis. Motion passed.

B: Battery Creek Closing: School board agrees to close Batter Creek pool. The closure will be phased in over next year due to swimming lessons. There was a motion by Tom Erter to check with YMCA or other similar organizations to see if they would be interested in taking over the pool. Motion was seconded by Erac Priester and all approved motion.

Director's Report:

- A. **Tennis:** Wayne Lilly and Floyd Washburn presented issues with tennis courts North and South. They also gave options for grant money to help with repair and new courts. Wayne is working on a program to teach the DSN crews.
- B. **Summer Nutrition:** Penn Center has taken over the entire Summer Nutrition program. They will be able to provide hot meals for the program.
- C. **Athletics:** Matt Watts presented upcoming clinics for athletics. Keith Brooking with NFL Alumni will be holding a Free Football Clinic at Bluffton Center on July 23rd from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The camp will be for 7-13 year olds. They will also have information for parents from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm to give information on how football has become safer. There will be Soccer Camp with Challenger sports, Tetra Brazil Soccer on July 24th through 28th and British Soccer from June 19th through 23rd. The postings on Facebook have been a great success with over 6,000 people liking or sharing the post. Adult softball and volleyball are winding down. We are looking into starting an adult basketball soon. Fall youth sports start on Monday for signups. Purchased new football equipment for both locations.
- D. **World Series:** Dates for Dixie Boys and Dixie Boys Jr. World Series are August 4th through the 10th. Packets will be completed this week with the information for hotels and restaurants. Shannon introduced Brenda Lindblad, who will be working on the sponsorships for Athletics. Applied with the ATAX with the Town of Bluffton. We applied for \$77,000, they have awarded us \$50,000. Mike Covert asked Shannon if they have applied with the county. She will follow up with him on the options.
- E. **Aquatics:** Shannon presented to close Battery Creek pool. They have met with the school district which is in accordance to close the pool. There have been 1269 patrons that have used the pool, from July 1st till now. Looking at phasing the closing over next year due to swim lessons. All of the pools are in need of repair and upgrading. Erac Priester suggested speaking to YMCA to see if they would be interested in leasing the pool. Tom Erter suggested a review of all the pools for safety. Erac Priester motioned to seek options with YMCA for pool leasing. Mike Manesiotis seconded motion. All approved motion. Numbers reports for pool usage, memberships and money received at each pool.
- F. **Construction Project Updates**
 - A) **Buckwalter:** Received a certificate of substantial completion, still waiting on emergency phones.
- G. **Employee Update:** Still interviewing for Admin Tech at Burton Wells. On third time of posting the Recreation Specialist, with the pay structure changes after review. Lifeguards are finally coming through, still looking to hire a few more.

Announcements: Christian Kata will be resigning.
Next meeting is August 3rd in Beaufort.
No Executive Session.
Adjourned at 3:57 pm