BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES THURSDAY, 5 JULY 2001 COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 3:30 P.M.

Present: James Vicar, Chair

Thomas Mobley
Jimmy Mackey
Arthur Middleton
Allan Stern
William Brown
William McDuff
Corinne Hagood

Absent: Orethia White, Vice Chair

John Parker

John Miller, Jr., Acting Director

PALS Staff: Joseph Penale, Acting Deputy Director

Glenda Foy, Assistant to the Director

County Council: William C. McBride, Chair, Community Services Committee

Administration: Morris C. Campbell, Deputy Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vicar called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed Mr. William Brown, Military Liaison representative of the PALS Board.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2001 AGENDA

Mr. McDuff motioned to approve the agenda

Mr. Middleton seconded the motion

Mr. Vicar requested an amendment to the agenda. In absence of the April 2, 2001 Minutes, Item 3 will be delayed(*please note, April 2 Minutes were approved at PALS Board Meeting May 7*, 2001). Item 4 and 5 will be deleted from today's agenda.

Discussion: None

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Vicar acknowledged the presence of Councilman McBride and Mr. Campbell

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kirkwood presented a request for an additional 400 square feet at the gymnastics center. He made reference that his previous request for the 400 square feet of junk storage area adjacent to the gym was denied.

Mr. Vicar congratulated Mr. Kirkwood on behalf of the board for his accomplishments with his award winning gymnastic team.

CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Vicar read letters regarding the removal of Mr. Fraser, Mr. Barnes, Jr. and Ms. Schramm, from the PALS Board, in response to his plea to County Council, at the direction of the Board, to declare certain seats vacant based on poor attendance. Mr. Vicar stated that PALS Board has three vacant seats.

Mr. Vicar read correspondence from Mr. Fraser regarding removal from PALS Board.

Mr. Vicar read the letter from Mr. Miller welcoming Mr. William C. Brown to the PALS Board.

UPDATE ON BURTON WELLS PARK:

Mr. Penale stated that he did not have any new information. Mr. Penale will inform the PALS Board when he receives new information.

POOLS:

Mr. Penale reported the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of M.C. Riley Pool, Friday, July 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Penale stated that DHEC would perform the final walk through of the pool tomorrow.

Mr. Vicar stated that he will be out of town and will not be able to attend the pool opening however, he encouraged the Board to attend if they are available.

SHULTS PARK:

Mr. Penale reported that Shults Park is under construction. TIF is deciding if Phase 1 should include one ball diamond or all three.

Mr. Stern asked about a Shults Park Finance Meeting.

Mr. Penale replied that a Shults Park Finance Meeting would be held July 10 at 6:30 at Town Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Mr. Stern asked if County Council approved PALS Budget.
- Mr. Campbell replied that the third reading took place at Monday's County Council Meeting.
- Mr. Vicar stated that there has not been a Facilities Committee Meeting in months. He does ride by the sites and things appear to be well.
- Mr. Vicar reported that Shell Point Park has trash and several dead trees in the area.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

- Mr. Penale reported that Phase 1 for the Barker Field Parking Lot is completed. PALS will meet with Public Works to discuss replacing some fences and adding more stones.
- Mr. Penale reported that Bladen Street Tennis Courts have received final approval from BOAR. Mr. Penale also stated that City of Beaufort is concerned about the rest room facilities and drip line on trees. The City of Beaufort will meet with Beaufort County to discuss further.
- Mr. Penale reported that Camp St. Mary Steering Committee met June 13 and will meet again July 17 to finalize the master plan.
- Mr. Penale reported that Coosaw Construction documents are due today and the bid process will begin July 9.
- Mr. Penale reported that the septic location for Dale Center and St. Helena did not pass perk. There will be a meeting with Mark Roseneau July 10 to discuss the course of action.
- Mr. Penale reported that Mink Point Gym Roof bid process started July 2, pre-bid will be held July 18, and bid opening is July 31.
- Mr. Mackey asked how many bids have come in.
- Mr. Penale replied none.
- Mr. Penale reported that Scott Center bid process would start next week.
- Mr. Penale reported that M.C. Riley Restroom construction has begun.
- Mr. Penale reported that today was PALS Summer Camp's Fun Day at the Naval Hospital.
- Mr. Penale reported that registration for PALS Soccer, Football and Cheerleading began July 1.
- Mr. Mobley asked the time of the Camp St. Mary Steering Committee's July 16 meeting.
- Mr. Penale replied 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Vicar questioned the date of the Public Works Committee Meeting regarding Camp St. Mary's floating dock.

Mr. Campbell replied that no date has been set.

Mr. Stern referred to last week's school board meeting in regards to Mr. Gaither's statement that the Hilton Head Tennis Court Agreement would be completed and ready for signature

Mr. Penale stated that to his knowledge the town nor the county has not received an agreement on that matter.

Mr. Vicar stated that he viewed the school board meeting in regards to Hilton Head Tennis Court Agreement and there was no reference of PALS. Mr. Vicar also stated that he visited Mr. Gaither the next day and he assured Mr. Vicar that PALS did not get shut out of the agreement and schedules will be made to accommodate PALS programs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Vicar commented on the City of Beaufort's concern regarding the Bladen Street Tennis Courts rest room facility at this stage of the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Vicar reported that sponsors of leagues are upset that they are not getting media coverage on games.

Mr. Penale stated that it is the team's responsibility to report the scores to the media.

WEIGHT LIFTING CENTER:

Mr. Mackey reported that Major Clantan, Deputy Police Chief of the City of Beaufort has been added to the committee.

Mr. Mackey stated that he is organizing a meeting. He will notify the board of the date.

Mr. Mobley questioned the location of the center.

Mr. Mackey replied it has not been determined.

Mr. Vicar stated that the weight lifting center is conceptual at best and is in the discussion stage.

ELECTION FOR CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Vicar expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to have served as Board Chairperson.

Mr. Vicar stated that he is aware of two people who are interested in running for chairperson. He encouraged anyone who had an interest in chairperson to run in the election.

Mr. Vicar opened up the nominations.

Ms. Hagood nominates Mr. Stern.

Mr. McDuff nominated Ms. White.

Mr. Middleton nominated himself.

Mr. Mackey nominated himself.

Mr. Stern stated that he must withdraw his name from the election because he is also on the School Board and does not have the time to put forth as chairperson of the PALS Board.

Mr. Vicar reported that he spoke to Ms. White and she expressed that she did not want the chairperson position.

Mr. McDuff rescinded his nomination of Ms. White.

Mr. Vicar stated those in favor of Mr. Mackey as Chairperson raise your hand.

Mr. Mackey received two votes.

Mr. Vicar stated those in favor of Mr. Middleton as Chairperson raise your hand.

Mr. Middleton received six votes.

Mr. Vicar Congratulated Mr. Middleton on being the new PALS Board Chairperson.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be Thursday, August 16, at 3:30p.m. at County Council Chambers if available. Glenda will contact members to confirm meeting place.

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