

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD NOTES
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2002
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
3:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chair
Orethia White, Vice Chair
William Brown
Corinne Hagood
Allan Stern

Absent: William McDuff
Jimmy Mackey
Michael Manesiotis
Thomas Mobley
James Vicar

PALS Staff: John Miller, Jr., Acting Director, Parks and Leisure Services
Joe Penale, Assistant Director, Parks and Leisure Services
Norma King, Assistant to the Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

PALS Board did not have a quorum for May 2, 2002 meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

BURTON WELLS:

PALS is moving forward with the base bid. Funds for the Soccer Complex were not found. Phase I of Burton Wells will consist of the recreation center, baseball complex and other small projects. Mr. Miller will look at CIP for fiscal year 2003 and move forward at that time with the Soccer Complex.

Mr. Stern asked how much PALS needed for the Soccer Complex. Mr. Miller responded \$1.2 million dollars.

FIRST STEPS

First Steps will be operating in the Sheldon area. Memorandum of agreement between First Steps and PALS was forwarded to Mr. Kachmar.

SHULTS PARK

Grand opening was 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 27 and very successful. The community is thrilled with the park.

Mr. Stern asked if there would be a parking problem. Mr. Miller explained PALS lost parking spaces because of sewage and only 1/2 of the parking spaces were completed. Phase II will allow for more parking. Final walk-through for Shults Park is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Stern asked if PALS still has a finance committee and a capital improvements committee. Mr. Middleton responded with yes.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

Beaufort County baseball teams attended the Sand Knats game Friday, April 12 in Savannah.

Dale Center children attended the Disney on Ice show in Savannah.

PALS Staff participated in the March of Dimes "Walk America".

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE:

210 Children are registered for Summer Camp. 165 from Northern Beaufort County and 45 from Southern Beaufort County. Deadline to sign up is Friday, May 3, 2002. The numbers for summer camp always go up, as camp gets closer. Applications will be taken as long as there are spaces, with a \$5.00 late fee.

There are no summer campsites on Hilton Head. Mr. Penale is looking for creative ways to increase camp registrations such as teen and specialty camps. Mr. Brown asked how Scott Center and Coosaw Center registrations are. Mr. Miller informed him the numbers are not there yet, however PALS will provide mini-camps in other areas. Mr. Brown also inquired about Booker T. Washington and Dale Center. Mr. Middleton replied the year round schools are having an impact, because they miss two of the seven weeks offered due to school beginning.

Each board member received a packet in reference to the Boys and Girls Club offer for a partnership with PALS in the Sheldon area. Mr. Miller asked them to review and give their opinions at the next board meeting. The packet has also been forwarded to Mr. Kachmar.

Mr. Miller gave an update on his conference in Kentucky. Some of the classes he attended were Corporate Sponsorship, marketing on the Internet vice TV, how to finance capital improvements, Developing skateboard parks, joint school design and park program agreements and Leadership skills for success.

Mr. Stern asked if the spending freeze is still in affect. Mr. Miller replied yes. PALS budget for aquatic indoor pools have strained the budget. Cost for heating each pool is \$1,100.00 per month. Ms. White asked if we could seek assistance through the power company. Mr. Miller

explained the pools are heated with propane. Ms. White asked if we could change the power source. Mr. Miller replied no.

Mr. Stern asked how the budget freeze is managed. Mr. Miller explained to him that all necessities are taken care of. Any purchase request must be approved by Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller expressed the heat in the pools without air conditioning is excessive. Mr. Middleton asked if every effort has been made to alleviate over expenditures in the future. Mr. Miller responded that during fiscal year 2003, PALS will have records of aquatic costs, therefore be better equipped to anticipate cost.

BUDGET REVIEW:

PALS budget will be presented to County Council, Thursday May 2, 2002 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Mr. Miller has not received any calls yet in reference to budget cuts.

Weightlifting and Hilton Head increase are the two questionable programs at this time. Mr. Middleton asked if there were any other concerns. Mr. Miller responded with no.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Stern informed the board Lowcountry Junior Olympic Volleyball Club sponsored regional championships. There were 85 teams. Beaufort County had 6 teams, 3 of which won regional championships.

The PALS board requested Mr. Middleton write a letter to County Council Chairman in reference to district rezoning and how it will affect PALS board members.

Ms. White asked if the board could take either July or August off to provide for vacations. Mr. Stern stated he would have to miss July's meeting and Mr. Brown stated he would have to miss August's meeting. Mr. Middleton requested a notation in the June board packet, and a decision will be made at the next board meeting. Ms. White said the break would depend on staff needs. Mr. Miller stated in reference to budget finalization, vacation would be better the month of July. Mr. Middleton stated that the minutes reflect this information.

The next three PALS Board meetings will be Thursday, June 6, 2002, Thursday, July 11, 2002 and Thursday, August 1, 2002.

Mr. Middleton acknowledged Coach Kirkwood and invited him to speak.

Coach Kirkwood handed an updated gymnastic report to the board and explained in detail accomplishments the team has made. He explained to the board, he meets with Mr. Miller once a month.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Next PALS Board meeting will be Thursday, June 6, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in the PALS Main Office Conference Room.