

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD NOTES**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2002**  
**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE**  
**3:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Michael Manesiotis  
James Vicar  
William Brown  
Thomas Mobley

PALS Staff: H. C. Boehm, Jr., Deputy Administrator, Development and Services  
John Miller, Jr., Acting Director, Parks and Leisure Services  
Marjorie Lockhart, Aquatics Supervisor  
Norma Baker, Assistant to the Director, Parks and Leisure Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

PALS Board did not have a quorum for August 1, 2002 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sandy Graves and Martha Goldine, Bluffton swim team parents, expressed the desire for the program to become more successful. Their requests were, a permanent coach and advice on a board comprised of parents. Mr. Stern asked if anyone has looked into the parents paying a coach. Mr. Miller expressed he will explore stipends by the parents.

Mrs. White explained the original purpose for pools is "Learn To Swim Program". PALS cannot forget the educational purpose. Ms. Lockhart stated that the parents would contribute \$100.00 per year toward fund raising. Mr. Stern stated if you have 60 team members and only 30 compete, the price could be different. Mr. Boehm stated that it is best to stay with what we have. Mr. Stern suggested parents volunteer. Baseball/Football/Soccer/Basketball and Cheerleading, are all coached by parents who volunteer.

Marjorie Lockhart, Aquatics Supervisor, explained the coaching position is held by a lifeguard. Eric Kemeny, current coach, does not want to coach unless it goes in a different direction. . Sandy Graves asked if each pool would provide their own coach. Mr. Miller stated that PALS staff would do the programming.

Mr. Mackey came to tell everyone hello, he enjoyed working with the PALS Board and wished everyone success. Mr. Mackey offered to help if needed. Mr. Middleton told Mr. Mackey to continue being a good citizen. Mr. Mackey said thank you.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Middleton asked what constitutes dismissal from the board for non-attendance. Mr. Miller responded with 1/3 meetings missed in a calendar year or three consecutive meetings.

### **Boys and Girls Club**

Mr. Miller stated the reason this item is on the agenda is there has not been a quorum to vote on the proposal. PALS Staff recommends no. Mr. Miller met with Ray Maloney in reference to the program the Boys and Girls Club would like to see at Booker T. Washington. Mr. Middleton requested a report, which Mr. Miller will provide the Board.

### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Burton Wells ground breaking will be Saturday, August 17, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the basketball courts. Chuck Culpepper and Tim Bennett are in the process of organizing.

Two sites extended summer camp for two weeks. Summer Camp will continue until August 9, 2002 at Greene Street Gym and Bluffton Center.

Deadline for registration of Football, Soccer and Cheerleading was Wednesday, July 31, 2002. Cheerleading numbers have skyrocketed since last year. Teams are being put together for Football and Soccer.

PALS received authorization today to begin purchasing play structures for playgrounds with PARD funds.

Mr. Miller is reviewing the Swim team proposal before recommendation to the PALS Board.

Bladen Street restrooms are 80% complete.

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Funding for capital improvements submitted has been approved and will now go to the Public Works Committee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mrs. White expressed thank you to all who were involved with the quarterly inspection. She thanked the Board and John Miller.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stern asked if any there was a donation made for the Beaufort County Senior Games. Mr. Miller will investigate and report to Mr. Stern.

Mr. Miller told the Board reminder phone calls have began. This month, phone calls were placed to each Board member Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Every effort had been made. Mr. Boehm asked if the board meeting today constitutes a quorum. Mr. Miller replied no. A quorum is  $1/2 + 1$  attendance of the Board members.

Next meeting will be September 5, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in the PALS Main Office.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.