

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
 Orethia White, Vice Chair
 William Brown
 Corinne Hagood
 Thomas Mobley
 Michael Manesiotis
 Allan Stern

Absent: James A. Vicar

County Council: William L. McBride, Beaufort County Council Member

PALS Staff: John Miller, Jr., Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure
 Joe Penale, Deputy Division Head, Superintendent SOB
 William Sprague, PALS Aquatics Supervisor
 Norma Baker, Assistant to the Division Head, Division of Parks and
 Leisure

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2003 AGENDA

Mr. Manesiotis motioned to approve September 4, 2003 agenda.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2003 MINUTES

Mrs. White motioned to approve August 7, 2003 minutes.

Mr. Stern seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Miller received a letter from Ms. Bettye J. Grant-Williams regarding re-naming Coosaw Community Center.

BURTON WELLS UPDATE

Baseball concession stand/restroom masonry should be complete the week of September 8, 2003. Foundation is complete for soccer concession stand/restroom. Masonry work will begin on soccer building upon completion of baseball concession stand/restroom. Sod will be placed on the baseball fields.

Burton Wells Center main parking lot is 85% complete. Preparation for installing parking light fixtures is next on agenda. Windows for Burton Wells Center are scheduled to be installed late September. Following installation of windows, power will be supplied to Center.

Mr. Brown asked status of soccer concession needing raised 12.” Mr. Miller explained soccer fields look good and rain should not cause problems. Mr. Boehm would talk to Jim Strecansky of Strecansky Company, Inc. and PALS will not be responsible for additional expense if needed.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Program Committee

Mrs. Hagood stated she and Mr. Brown are working on programs for the Burton area. Report will be presented to PALS Board Thursday, October 2, 2003.

Finance Committee

Mr. Stern stated PALS athletics had \$20,000.00 shortfall last year. PALS Staff considered participants purchase uniforms from waist down, however, PALS will purchase entire uniform at lesser price, raising registration fee to cover cost. PALS \$20,000.00 shortfall will be eliminated by raising registration to cover uniform cost.

County Council members stated PALS Summer Camp should be self-sufficient. Finance Committee reviewed data and found raising cost significantly is the only way to make Summer Camp self-sufficient. Mr. Stern stated participation in PALS program would be lost if increase is too high, too quick. Finance Committee believes doubling fees is too much for public to bear at one time.

Mr. Stern recommended PALS Board increase fees by small increments each year. Mrs. White stated PALS Summer Camp participants are largely individuals with parents working one, two and three jobs. To double fees would cause parents to work another job. Children of Beaufort County would suffer from loss of PALS Summer Camp. Affordable rate keeps children active and secure while parents are working.

Mr. Middleton requested other alternatives. Mr. Stern stated Finance Committee would work with numbers and try to find additional funding. Mr. Brown asked if sponsorship from the community and churches are possible. Mr. Miller stated Staff would draft letter-requesting sponsorship.

Mr. Manesiotis asked what age group attends Summer Camp. Mr. Miller stated 5-12 year olds. Mr. Miller added public has requested teen camp. Mr. Manesiotis suggested teen camp organize fundraisers to help cost of summer camp participants.

Mr. Stern stated with 50% increase, PALS could loose 25% participation. Loss of 25% participation is better than 100% loss of program. Councilman McBride stated this year is a tough one for Beaufort County Budget. Councilman McBride suggested PALS Board forward Summer Camp Fee Proposal to Beaufort County Council.

Mr. Brown asked if Beaufort County has a Grants Administrator. Mr. Miller stated yes and PALS Staff will contact him stating interest in summer camp grants. Mr. Middleton stated PALS Board should move forward with anticipation of grants. Mr. Miller asked if Board is asking Staff to seek other revenue resources. Mrs. White stated yes. Mr. Middleton asked if this concern is only for FY2004. Mr. Stern stated it is up to County Council.

Mr. Stern stated PALS Board has three choices. 1) Don't raise fees; 2) Raise fees, 3) Compromise PALS summer camp program. Recommendation to PALS Board is use 2004 Proposed Fee Schedule.

2004 Proposed Summer Camp Rates

\$300.00	First Child (\$50.00 per week)
\$270.00	Second Child (\$45.00 per week)
\$240.00	Third Child (\$40.00 per week)

Proposed Summer Camp Reduced Rates

\$150.00	First Child (\$25.00 per week)
\$132.00	Second Child (\$22.00 per week)
\$120.00	Third Child (\$20.00 per week)

Proposed Art Camp Rates

\$300.00	Each Child (\$50.00 per week)
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Proposed Athletic Programs

Baseball	Basketball	Soccer	Football	Softball	Cheerleading
\$48.00	\$45.00	\$48.00	\$52.00	\$48.00	\$45.00

Mr. Stern motioned PALS Board adopt fee schedule for FY2004 Summer Camp and Athletic fees and forward to Public Services Committee. Mrs. White Seconded the motion. PALS Board approved motion unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Mr. Miller introduced William (Bill) Sprague, PALS Aquatics Supervisor to PALS Board. Mr. Miller stated Bill has "hit the floor running."

Mr. Miller received a letter from Ms. Bettye J. Grant-Williams, requesting Coosaw Center be renamed "David Smith Community Center." PALS forwarded letter to President, Coosaw Community Association Board for review. PALS requested Coosaw Community Association Board forward their decision to PALS for response to Ms. Bettye J. Grant-Williams. Staff will forward response to PALS Board Members for informational purposes.

PALS Adult Soccer began Friday, August 22, 2003.

PALS Adult Men's Softball began Monday, August 25, 2003.

PALS Adult Co-ed Softball began Tuesday, August 26, 2003.

Star Struck dance lessons at Mink Point Recreation Center begin Monday, September 2, 2003.

Linda Hunt art classes at Greene Street Gym begin Wednesday, September 17, 2003 with another class beginning Wednesday, September 22, 2003.

PALS Basketball registration begins Monday, October 6, 2003 and continues through Friday, November 7, 2003.

Construction has begun at the new Dale Community Center.

Mr. Brown asked how Women's Soccer registration is going. Mr. Miller stated he will research and report to PALS Board at Thursday, October 2, 2003 meeting.

Mr. Stern asked about gym floor resurfacing at Mink Point Center and Greene Street Activity Center Gym. Mr. Miller stated work will begin next week. Resurfacing will take one week with deadline of Wednesday, October 1, 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stern asked how long it takes to complete CIP Projects. Mr. Stern stated there are funds waiting to be used. Mr. Miller stated he would prepare a report of CIP projects and distribute to Board members before next PALS Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Middleton stated a card from PALS Board Members would be sent to Mr. Vicar regarding his illness.

Mrs. White stated Senior Citizens are concerned about future Parks built on Hilton Head Island. Seniors use walking trails for exercise and would like to have small hills inserted in paths for better results. Mr. Miller stated with permission of PALS Board he would mention this at the next HHI Parks and Rec Board Meeting. Mrs. White stated Senior Citizens will attend the next HHI Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parks and Leisure Services Main Office, Port Royal, SC 29935.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.