

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

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Orethia White, Vice Chair  
James A. Vicar  
Corinne Hagood  
Michael Manesiotis  
Allan Stern

Absent: William Brown  
Thomas Mobley

PALS Staff: H. C. Boehm, Jr., Director, Public Services Division  
John Miller, Jr., Acting Division Head, Division of Parks and Leisure  
Joe Penale, Acting Deputy Division Head, Superintendent SOB  
Stacie Hawkins, Interim Assistant to the Division Head, Division of PALS  
David Kirkwood, Director, Sports Academy

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Mr. Middleton stated that item #8 on the agenda would be the last item for discussion.

**APPROVAL OF November 6, 2003 AGENDA**

**Mr. Vicar motioned to approve December 4, 2003 agenda.**

**Mrs. White seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF October 2, 2003 MINUTES**

**Mr. Vicar motioned to approve November 6, 2003 minutes.**

**Mrs. White seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **BURTON WELLS UPDATE**

Mr. Miller reported that the contractor will have a punch-out inspection on December 18, 2003. PALS is looking to move into new facility during the month of January.

The gymnasium floors are in, they now have to be stain and sealed. The bleachers are also in. The racquetball court floors are in. Carpet is scheduled to be placed next week. In terms of the ball fields, the press box is 80% complete. Soccer fields are 75% complete.

There are 516 parking spaces in the entire complex.

Parking lot lights are 50% complete around the recreation center.

Mr. Vicar inquired about the piping of the ditches. Mr. Miller reported that he just received the addendum plans for the piping. We now have to put a dollar figure to that. Mr. Vicar then inquired about a timeline for completion. Mr. Boehm stated that this is a change order that is not funded. This was something that was not included in the original plans, but there is the commitment to get it done. Mr. Vicar then presented visual displays (pictures) of same scenario where piping is needed.

## **PARD**

Mr. Miller reported that PALS plans to forward the PARD projects to the Public Services Committee on next week. This year's allocation is \$27,000.00. The project for this year is to put in a playground at the Burton Wells Recreation Center. Mr. Stern inquired as to the use of PARD money. Mr. Miller responded by explaining that PALS has already completed most of the prior requests submitted in other areas. Mr. Vicar asked if there were previous plans for a playground at Burton Wells. Mr. Miller explained that there was an original plan, but it fell out of the budget. Mr. Vicar then asked if the monies could be applied towards the drainage problem. Mr. Miller stated that PALS would look into it. Mr. Vicar suggested that PALS also look into applying the money towards the McCracken Stadium. Mr. Stern stated that he would vote against PARD because of his obligation to the citizens of the Town of Bluffton. Mr. Boehm, asked Mr. Miller to explain Mr. Bruce Behrens, Town Manager, Town of Bluffton's decision to give Beaufort County the money that they were allocated. Mr. Vicar stated that he would vote for PARD because he understands that there is more work to be done at McCracken prior to the track being resurfaced.

**Mr. Vicar gave the motion to endorse PARD.**

**Mrs. White seconded.**

**PARD was endorsed with a vote of 5-1.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

## **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

Mr. Miller gave a formal invitation to Board members to the PALS Departmental Christmas party on Friday, December 5 at 6PM at PALS main office.

Mr. Miller reported:

Art classes continue at Green Street. The adult leagues are being finalized in softball, soccer and football.

Soccer - Calhoun Cup Tournament division winners are: (9-10 Boys) Stingrays, (9-10 Girls) Fire, (11-12 Boys) Hurricanes, (11-12 Girls) Strikers, (13-15 Boys) Fire, and (13-15 Girls) Fire.

Football Champions are: (8-10) St. Helena Panthers and (11-12) Hilton Head Gators.

PALS has completed sign-up for basketball and practice will begin this week

Placing at the SC State Cheerleading Competitions as: *MCCS Steelers, SC Overall Grand Champions*; (10 and under) 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Lady's Island Falcon and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Burton Raiders; (12 and under) 1<sup>st</sup> Place, MCCS Steelers and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Port Royal Bulldogs.

Construction at the new Dale Community Center is about 85% complete.

Scott Center construction remains ongoing and is set for completion in March 2004.

Mr. Miller met with John Richardson of the SC Forestry Commission about trees at Burton Wells.

Mr. Middleton inquired about the effects of the increase of fees for Summer Camp. Mr. Miller reported none. Mr. Boehm reported that the subject of Summer Camp fees were tabled at the Public Services Committee. Mr. Boehm stated that it would be reviewed by Mr. Lamb and the County Administrator in the next meeting. Mr. Boehm noted that the new fees are still competitive.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Vicar requested that PALS Board reinstate recognition of winners.

Mr. Miller stated this would resume after January 2004.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. David Kirkwood, Director, Sports Academy reported that enrollment is up and all programs are going well. He submitted a fact sheet to Board members. Mr. Kirkwood states his concern about having an adequate facility to compete with private companies. He is not asking the Board for money, but consideration for a larger facility.

## **NAMING OF ROAD IN BURTON WELLS COUNTY PARK**

Mr. Vicar excused himself for this discussion.

Mr. Miller addressed the Board by reiterating the memorandum given to each Board member. Three names were submitted. They are: Middleton Drive (submitted by PALS staff), *Recreation Drive* (submitted by PALS staff), and *Jim Vicar Drive* (as submitted by Karen Vicars on behalf of citizens of Beaufort County). Mr. Miller gave a brief history of first recommendation. Mr. Miller explained the process of naming a road. Mr. Middleton suggested *Middleton Recreation Drive*.

Mr. Stern made a motion to name the road *Middleton Recreation Drive*.

Mr. Manesiotis seconded.

*Middleton Recreation Drive* received a unanimous vote for recommendation.

Recommendation to name the new road *Middleton Recreation Drive* will be forwarded for final approval.

Mr. Miller offered Board members the opportunity to tour Burton Wells today.

## **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

There will not be a meeting during the month of January 2004.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the new Burton Wells Recreation Center, 75 Burton Wells Road, Burton, SC 29906.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.