

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2004
PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
2:30 P.M.

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

Absent: NONE

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
Jeannie Wells, Assistant to the Division Head, Division of PALS

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF February 5, 2004 AGENDA

Mr. Brown motioned to approve February 5, 2004 agenda.

Mrs. White seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF December 4, 2003 MINUTES

Mr. Vicar motioned to approve December 4, 2003 minutes.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. White reported that the Facilities Committee met, there were approximately 10 people who reviewed all the parks on Hilton Head Island. The new part of Chaplin Park is open with tennis. Ms. White was present for the opening of that section of the park.

BURTON WELLS

There is still no water at Burton Wells.

Mr. Vicar inquired about the projected date to open. Mr. Miller answered that if the plans were returned on Friday, February 6, 2004 hopefully then the water will be running the next week.

Mr. Miller went on to say the pavers were out in full force at Burton Wells paving from the soccer field on back and around the Recreation Center. The landscapers are there finishing around the entire complex. There is also a contractor out there putting out picnic tables and benches. All that is ongoing at Burton Wells right now. However, the building sits waiting for water and the floors to be mopped and waxed.

Mr. Vicar inquired as to how was this that the water plans got rejected at this late juncture. Wasn't that part of the original submittal? Mr. Boehm replied that EMC Engineering had some problems with one of it's workers family.

Mr. Vicar also said that there are many, many trucks out at Burton Wells paving.

Mr. Middleton then asked about the drainage system. Mr. Miller said piping the drains has been completed. There may be one area that still needs some piping added for the drains but that should be completed next week.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Mr. Miller announced that the Aquatics Section is now fully staffed.

PALS have hired Charlene Clark and Jeremy Way as Water Safety Instructors. He introduced Jeannie Wells to the PALS Board. Edison Fulton was also hired to PALS as a Recreation Specialist in the Bluffton area. Victoria Tracy was also hired to manage the pool at Battery Creek.

The Dale Center walk-through will be February 9, 2004. This will be the final walk-through.

The Scott Center project has been delayed. PALS will move back in during April 2004.

Mr. Miller met with Mr. Behrens and is moving ahead with an RFQ, Request for Qualifications, for Buckwalter Park.

Mr. Miller addressed Mr. Stern regarding a Finance Committee meeting. He would like to meet with the Finance Committee to go over the budgets so they can be presented to the PALS Board at the March meeting.

The Administrative Offices of PALS will be turned into a Community and Art Center. This is the only facility in the Town of Port Royal and could be used for after school programs.

PARD recreation funds were approved for the Burton Wells playground at the Delegation Meeting on January 26, 2004.

Mr. Vicar welcomed Jeannie to PALS.

Mr. Vicar stated Vicky has asked for some lockers in the school surplus storage. The school would like to donate them.

Mr. Miller mentioned the registration for Baseball and Softball in Northern Beaufort County ends Friday, February 6, 2004, but registration will continue in the Bluffton area. Basketball is in full swing on both sides of the Broad.

Mr. Manesiotis asked where the girl's softball is going to be played in Southern Beaufort County. Joe Penale answered that the girl's softball on Hilton Head will be part of the Bluffton League. Practice and home games will be at Barker Field. The away games will be in Bluffton.

Mr. Stern asked Mr. Miller if the Finance Committee meetings could be held the last week in February. Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. Stern would like to meet at Joe Penale's office.

Mr. Stern then asked if Chuck Culpepper, the PALS PR person would be replaced. Mr. Miller stated that PALS is looking at that position to see how it will be used in the future. Mr. Stern asked if the position would be available to help with the Senior Games. Mr. Miller stated that until PALS hires someone, Mr. Penale would be available to help.

Mr. Stern asked about a replacement for Mr. Vicar. Mr. Miller stated that reappointments are on the Public Services Committee Meeting Agenda for February 10, 2004. Ms. Rainey said there could be nominations at that meeting and if anyone had applied, they will be presented to the chairperson of that committee. The military position is still awaiting confirmation. Mr. Boehm asked if there was a school district representative. Mr. Vicar stated that he did not think the school board was aware that they are without representation. Mr. Boehm asked Mr. Miller to draft something for his or Ms. Rainey's signature pertaining to the school board representative on the PALS Board.

Mr. Vicar asked Mr. Stern of the person's name in Bluffton regarding his replacement and if this person had Mr. Stern's support. Mr. Stern said yes. Mr. Boehm recommended that Mr. Stern call Councilman Peter Lamb and let him know this person is recommended to the Board.

Mr. Middleton stated there was a game at Greene Street gym two weeks ago where there were no officials. Mr. Miller will handle the situation.

BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Miller reiterated that he wanted to meet with the finance committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vicar stated that he whole-heartedly endorses the naming of the road at Burton Wells.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vicar brought up the Summer Camp Fee issue that was brought up at the County Council Meeting. After thorough consideration, the PALS Board and the County Council agreed on the increase of fees.

Mr. Boehm spoke on the subject of the Equestrian Center in Bluffton. There is a current application ongoing for the Equestrian Center to be permitted in the Bluffton area. Eventually this will come up to the Development Review Team.

Mr. Vicar stated that if a weight lifting center is something that the Board could consider, now is the budget cycle time to do that. Just a reminder. Mr. Stern thought the weight-lifting place on Highway 170 was closed. Mr. Brown suggested calling Ray Jones at the Dataw Center for more information.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the new Burton Wells Recreation Center, 75 Burton Wells Road, Burton, SC 29906.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM.

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