

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007
Burton Wells Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Allan Stern, Vice Chair
William Grayson
Bill Evans
Bryan Hill

Absent: Michael Manesiotis
Corinne Hagood
William Brown
Thomas Mobley

PALS Staff: John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS
Stacie Hawkins, Assistant to the Directors

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007 AGENDA

Mr. Stern motioned to approve February 1, 2007 agenda.

Mr. Grayson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2007 MINUTES

Mr. Stern motioned to approve January 4, 2007 minutes.

Mrs. Grayson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Herbert Alston, President, Sheldon Community Center, Inc. and Rosa Alston, Sheldon Township residents, addressed PALS Board reference Agnes Major Center. Mrs. Alston read letter requesting approval of CIP project request for extension of building at Agnes Major Center. Mr. Miller advised residents CIP items will be presented to Board, as it is an agenda item.

Sandy Tucker and Cindy Newman, representing Beaufort Tennis Association addressed Board, stating they were there to offer any additional assistance PALS Board may need as it relates to the proposed tennis complex. Ms. Tucker asked Board if a response had been received from MCAS regarding AICUZ. Mr. Middleton advised a response had been received indicating AICUZ approval. Mr. Middleton addressed both groups letting them know that PALS Board would contact them reference any progress or changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PALS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REQUESTS

Mr. Miller, referencing a handout of Northern Beaufort County PALS 3-Year CIP Fiscal Year 2007-2009 (attached), described each project requested. Mr. Sterns asked what Burton Wells Park Phase II entailed. Mr. Miller advised Burton Wells Park Phase II is composed of the development of picnic areas, trails and lake and completion of Middleton Recreation Drive. Phase III is the reconfiguring of the Adult Athletic complex. Mr. Sterns expressed his concern that NBCPAL CIP proposal did not fall in line with CIP letter sent to County Council. Mr. Hill inquired of an explanation of Lady's Island Park development. Mr. Miller explained there is not a viable active park on Lady's Island. At this junction, PALS has not obtained land to develop such a facility. Trust for Public Land is partnering with PALS to identify park land on Lady's Island.

Mr. Penale reported Southern Beaufort County PALS 3-Year CIP request consist of all the active ingredients for Buckwalter Regional Park, asking for \$5 million FY 07/08, \$5 million FY08/09 and \$3.5 million FY 09/10. With approval this would complete five (5) baseball/softball fields, a 50 meter pool, and four (4) soccer fields and lighting for all fields.

Mr. Stern recommended requesting \$3.0 million each year for each fiscal year. Mr. Miller addressed the Board concerning improvements to existing facilities, stating these projects were listed based on the necessity of repairs and/or renovations. Some of these facilities house PALS athletic programs, which places it in line with CIP letter submitted to County Council.

Mr. Hill recommended that CIP is revisited once PALS has composed one (1) list of CIP priorities and requested a special PALS Board meeting. Mr. Hill asked when CIP project requests were due. Mr. Miller advised requests are due February 14, 2007. Mr. Evans suggested priorities are listed regardless of the dollar amount. Board Members agreed to hold a special meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Northern Beaufort - John Miller, Jr. reporting

- A. Fort Fremont Park- February 5, 2007, Preservation Tree Care will continue to clear remaining debris on fort. Some minor work to be done with drainage system around fort.
- B. Crystal Lake Park- Truitt Rabon to invoice Trust for Public Land for work done on Master Plan. Still awaiting response from school.
- C. Senior Center –Met with Engineering January 31, 2007 to discuss design and construction fee of \$75,000. Trying to decrease that to \$60,000. Will go to Public Services next meeting.
- D. Proposed Tennis Complex at Burton Wells – Letter received from MCAS with AICUZ approval and map of proposed area for complex.
- E. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement –Staff Attorney is finalizing lease.
- F. PARD – Projects approved at January 22, 2007 meeting.
- G. Burton Wells Trails – PALS will apply for trails grant. PALS will host a Public Meeting 7 p.m. February 7, 2007 at Burton Wells Recreation Center to discuss Recreational Trails Program.
- H. Pools – HVAC systems have been negotiated and Engineer that designed system will provide funding. Battery Creek Pool closed due to last heater failing.
- I. Basil Green and Shell Point Park Restrooms – March 1st completion.
- J. National Aquatics Conference – Mr. Miller will attend conference February 27 – March 3, 2007 hosted in Atlanta, GA to learn more pools.
- K. Reappointments – Public Services Committee on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 recommended reappointment of Mr. Middleton and Mr. Sterns to PALS Board.
- L. Finance Committee – Requesting meeting with Finance Committee to discuss PALS budget.

Southern Beaufort - Joe Penale reporting

- M. Land Acquisition – TPL has acquired 477 acres park land, along with \$250,000 gift money.
- N. Altamaha - \$60,000 allocated awaiting transfer of funds to Beaufort County
- O. Okatie Preserve - \$200,000 allocated awaiting transfer of funds to Beaufort County.
- P. Basketball – Season begins tonight.
- Q. Buckwalter County Park – Looking into design for a dog park at Buckwalter County Park.
- R. Bluffton Gym Roof – Still awaiting start of project.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Special Meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton , South Carolina. Topic: Capital Improvement Project Requests.

PALS Board Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 10 a.m. at Bluffton Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina. Topic: PALS Budget.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 PM.

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