

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2006**  
**Bluffton Center**  
**2:30 P.M.**

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Allan Stern, Vice Chair  
Corinne Hagood  
William Grayson  
Michael Manesiotis

Absent: Calvin White  
Bryan Hill  
William Brown  
Thomas Mobley  
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF August 3, 2006 AGENDA**

**Mr. Grayson motioned to approve August 3, 2006 agenda.**

**Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF July 6, 2006 MINUTES**

**Mr. Stern motioned to approve July 6, 2006 minutes.**

**Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Program Committee – Mrs. Hagood read and submitted letter of appreciation from water aerobics participants at Greene Street Pool.

**BURTON WELLS STADIUM**

Mr. Miller reported Joint Land Use Study Committee met last month to discuss construction of 6000-seat multi-use stadium at Burton Wells County Park. The Planner representing Marine Corps Air Station stated their opposition on construction of such a stadium at Burton Wells. MCAS will forward a letter to County Council stating their position on this proposed project.

## **PALS BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Placed on the agenda by Board Members, Mr. Miller reported an attendance report was submitted at last PALS Board meeting. As noted in the attendance report, Mr. Calvin White has attended one (1) meeting this year. Mr. Middleton reported Mr. White has officially retired from Beaufort County School District, therefore making him ineligible to remain BCSD representative. Mr. Middleton, with the concurrence of the Board, recommended contacting the Beaufort County School Board for a replacement representative. Mr. Miller advised a letter addressed to Beaufort County School District Superintendent would be drafted for Mr. Middleton.

## **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

*Northern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Received permission from archeologist to proceed with Fort Fremont. Mr. Miller spoke with Chris Darnell, JK Tiller & Associates, who advised him gates and remaining fencing will be erected within next two (2) weeks. This will enclose the entire park. PALS has met with other experts for guidance on how to clean and preserve the fort. Ian Hill, Beaufort County Planning, is leading this effort.
- B. Crystal Lake Park- Group will meet on August 7, 2006. At last Board meeting, Mr. Miller spoke about the Robinson tract, a small portion Beaufort County did not have. Trust for Public Lands has obtained a contract on this parcel, which will serve as part of the connector for entrance to park. All plans are conceptual at this point. There will be a meeting with representatives of St. Peter's Catholic Church to discuss a portion of the pond located on their property. Group is recommending a land swap to obtain that portion as part of Crystal Lake Park. Karen Widenhouse, representing St. Peter's, will meet with group for these discussions. Because Crystal Lake backs up to Beaufort High School stadium, Mr. Miller has forwarded a letter to Mr. Boehm asking for appropriate person to contact in terms of negotiating an agreement to jointly use the parking area. Property located between Beaufort High and Crystal Lake Park include two retention ponds that would have to be filled in, therefore allowing for Crystal Lake to be used for stormwater, etc., in place of the retention pond.
- C. Online Registration –PALS has always been accustomed to late registrations, however with the implementation of on-line registration, PALS has 25 registrations on-line the first day of registration. To date, PALS staff report over 250 on-line registrants. On-line registration has proven to be very successful.
- D. Pool HVAC Systems – Mr. Miller reported continued problems with temperatures at Battery Creek Pool on pool deck. PALS is going back to engineers for resolution. Beaufort and Battery creek Pools completed. Bluffton Pool is now closed for installation. Mock Plumbing has installed each system per design. Beaufort County Risk Manager has been informed of problems. Mr. Grayson asked why installations are continuing on systems that are not working. Mr. Miller advised County is bound by contract with Mock Plumbing to install. Mr. Miller also reported anticipation of same problems at Beaufort Pool and has since purchased thermometers to monitor and record temperatures.
- E. Finance Report– Referring to handout of Financial Report, Mr. Miller explained each report indicates the previous month's information. PALS has until August 10 to clear in outstanding invoices from previous fiscal year. Mr. Stern requested copy of final financial report for last fiscal year to compare to requested budget for FY07.
- F. Bladen Street Tennis Courts – There has been numerous complaints of persons conducting unauthorized tennis lessons and running folks off the courts. PALS has sent a letter to Beaufort Tennis Association President, letting them know persons teaching tennis have a contract with PALS. Also advised BTA to schedule through PALS any reserved time they may need.
- G. Dale Center Lights – SCE&G will connect power to new ballfield lights at Dale on next week.

- H. Basil Green Restrooms – Mr. Grayson asked for cost to replace restrooms at Basil Green. Mr. Miller advised he will research and report at next meeting.

*Southern Beaufort- John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- I. Buckwalter County Park – 75% complete. Mr. Stern inquired about monies Public services Committee combined for Buckwalter Park. Mr. Miller advised Mr. Penale turned money over to CIP team.
- J. Bluffton Roof – Mr. Penale met with Eddie Bellamy and Mark Roseneau August 1, 2006. Mr. Roseneau is looking at quotes to start this project. Mr. Stern expressed his concern that any further delays will cause repairs to be done during basketball season. Mr. Grayson asked if any resolution to use of school gym has been obtained. Mr. Stern advised no resolution at this time; however, McCracken has new principal that this issue can be brought to. Mr. Grayson recommend Mr. Stern introduce himself and issue to new principal. Dave Hughes is putting together a package to request quotes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Senior Service Building – Mr. Grayson asked status of Senior Service building at Burton Wells. Mr. Miller reported Senior Services is awaiting instruction from LCOG. The \$350,000 grant has been released from the State. Mr. Boehm has asked CIP team to begin soliciting bids for project.
- B. Demolition of Municipal Building at Bluffton Center – Mr. Grayson inquired when demolition of old building to begin. Mr. Miller reported demolition is awaiting asbestos abatement completion.
- C. Participation Numbers – Mr. Stern asked status of explanation of Participation Numbers disparities. Mr. Miller reported he has spoken with Mr. Penale who states Southern Beaufort numbers are obtained in the same manner. Mr. Miller advised he and Mr. Penale will meet to discuss disparities in further detail.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Stern reported he will not be able to attend next two (2) meetings.

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

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