

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006**  
**Bluffton Center**  
**2:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Bill Evans  
William Brown

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 December 7, 2006 AGENDA**

**Mr. Stern motioned to approve December 7, 2006 agenda.**

**Mr. Grayson seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF November 2, 2006 MINUTES**

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve November 2, 2006 minutes.**

**Mr. Stern seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**CRYSTAL LAKE AND BURTON WELLS PARK TENNIS COMPLEX RESOLUTIONS**

Referring to copies of resolutions included in PALS Board packets passed by County Council reference Crystal Lake Park and Burton Wells Park Tennis Complex, Mr. Middleton asked if copies were given for informational purposes only or if PALS Board needed to give their official decision. Mr. Miller advised both resolutions have been before and approved by both Council Committee and County Council. Resolutions are signed by Chairman of County Council.

The resolution for Crystal Lake states the Northern Regional Plan will make provision for an interpretive nature center in its plan for Crystal Lake Park. The resolution for Burton Wells Park Tennis complex also states the Northern Regional Plan make provisions for constructing a tennis complex at Burton Wells County Park in its plan. Mr. Miller advised Board resolutions were up for discussion and/or adoption. Mr. Grayson asked if Council is aware that a multipurpose stadium was just rejected for Burton Wells County Park because of location. Mr. Miller advised, yes Council is aware. Mr. Mobley asked how far along is Master Plan for Crystal Lake. Mr. Miller advised Truitt Rabon has been asked to finalize master plan for Crystal Lake. Mr. Miller informed Board representatives of Beaufort Tennis Association (BTA) are expected to present to PALS Board a proposal that will include amount of acreage needed to build a suitable tennis complex. Mr. Grayson asked if Beaufort Tennis Association were a private organization. Mr. Miller informed Board Members Beaufort Tennis Association is, in fact, a private organization. Mr. Grayson asked why County is providing a facility for a private organization. Mr. Miller advised Board Members, BTA will be partnering and obtaining grants from United States Tennis Association (USTA). The proposed tennis complex will cost an estimated \$2 million. Mr. Miller advised Board proposal for current Master Plan for Crystal Lake calls for using the old Butler Mariner building as a nature center.

**Mr. Stern motioned to not take any action on either resolution until Crystal Lake Master Plan has been completed and approved and proposal from Beaufort Tennis Association has been presented and more information is obtained.**

**Mr. Grayson seconded.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

*Northern Beaufort - John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Division Heads met new Council Members this morning. New Council Member, Jerry Stewart commented he doesn't want items coming before Council before going through appropriate boards. Mr. Stewart wants to see the process of issues being presented to appropriate board first.
- B. Fort Fremont Park- Met with Preservation Tree Care on Monday, December 4, 2006 for demonstration using an air spade (device similar to power-washer using air instead of water). Process did not damage fort at all. Preservation Tree care will submit a proposal to clean fort. Cost may be \$10-12 thousand. Mr. Middleton expressed area between Lands End and Bay Point needs to be cleaned.
- C. Crystal Lake Park- Council Stewart has contacted School and is awaiting response.
- D. Senior Center –Documentation forwarded to Staff Attorney from Senior Services to complete Memorandum Of Agreement.
- E. Basil Green Complex and Shell Point Restrooms – Under construction.
- F. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement – Call placed to Staff Attorney requesting status. Awaiting response.
- G. Basketball – Preparing for season for to begin week of January 6
- H. Festival of Trees – Greene Street Gym is hosting this annual event. Trees will be on display until December 9, 2006.
- I. PALS Christmas Party – Reminder PALS Board is invited to attend PALS Christmas Party December 8, 2006 at 7pm. This year's celebration will be held at Mink Point Recreation Center. Asking participants to bring a toy for donation to Toys for Tots.

*Southern Beaufort - Joe Penale reporting*

- J. Buckwalter County Park – Two Soccer fields and restrooms almost completed. County should take over maintenance of fields next month. The selection process for an architectural firm for design of recreation center has begun.
- K. Altamaha – \$65,000 gift money available for project.
- L. Okatie Preserve - \$200,000 gift money available for project.
- M. South Carolina Athletic Programs Meeting – State has decided to transition to Small Sided Soccer, which is small fields and fewer players per team. Theory is to get more touches and

approve play. Southern Beaufort County PALS would like to also make transition in this programming style and seek PALS Board approval. Mr. Manesiotis states PALS programming styles should be the same on both sides. Mr. Miller stated he has not had an opportunity to review details of this programming style with Northern Beaufort County PALS Athletic Staff to make a decision.

**Mr. Stern motioned to approve Southern Beaufort County PALS use of small sided soccer.**

**Mr. Mobley seconded.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Participation Numbers – Mr. Stern expressed concern of same major discrepancy in participation numbers being reported Northern Beaufort County versus Southern Beaufort County. Mr. Mobley, addressing Mr. Penale, asked how count is being obtained. Mr. Penale answered, by estimates.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

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