

**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  
Corinne Hagood  
William Grayson  
Bill Evans  
William Brown  
Thomas Mobley

Absent: Bryan Hill  
Michael Manesiotis

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 January 4, 2007 AGENDA**

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve January 4, 2007 agenda.**

**Mr. Stern seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF December 7, 2006 MINUTES**

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

**Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**BURTON WELLS PARK TENNIS COMPLEX PROPOSAL**

Mr. Miller introduced three members of Beaufort Tennis Association (BTA) attending meeting to officially introduce their proposal for a tennis complex at Burton Wells County Park. Mr. Miller reminded Board Members of a recent resolution adopted by Beaufort County Council that says Burton Wells County Park Master Plan should include such a facility. The three representatives of Beaufort Tennis Association present were Terry Logan, Sandy Tucker, and Leila Stallworth.

Mr. Logan, referring to handouts submitted to PALS Board, introduced BTA's proposal to build a tennis complex at Burton Wells County Park. The handout is composed of letters of support and sample complexes offered in the state of South Carolina. Mr. Logan explained Beaufort County is in a unique position to offer a regional tennis facility that would offer tennis programs for residents and host tournaments that would generate a significant amount of revenue. Estimated cost of facility is \$2.2 million with an operation cost of \$150,000 per year. BTA suggests a partnership with PALS to provide and operate such a facility. PALS would have access to expert advice through BTA and United States Tennis Association (USTA). BTA, through USTA programs, would have access to \$400,000.00 in funds to contribute to this project. Sandy Tucker stated such a facility would allow youth to have access to tennis lessons that is affordable through PALS management of such a facility. Leila Stallworth reminded Board Members tennis is a year-round sport offered to all age groups. Mr. Logan stated such a facility would require at least three (3) acres with additional needed for parking. BTA is seeking PALS Board endorsement of their proposal to initiate planning for a tennis facility at Burton Wells County Park; modify Burton Wells County Park Master plan to include a tennis facility; accept funds raised by BTA and proceed with a formal bid to design and construct facility; and submit to County Council a request for Capital Improvement Project fund in the 2007/2008 budget.

Mr. Middleton opened the floor for questions. Mr. Brown asked what is the proposed site for the tennis complex. Mr. Miller advised Board Members the proposed site is the same area proposed for the multi-purpose stadium. Mr. Stern stated the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) problem needs to be looked at before PALS could officially endorse such a plan.

**Mr. Stern motioned to accept County Council resolution to initiate planning a tennis facility at Burton Wells County Park.**

**Mr. Brown seconded.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Mr. Middleton request of Mr. Miller to confirm AICUZ approval from MCAS officials.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

*Northern Beaufort - John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Fort Fremont Park- Preservation Tree Care has cleared all debris on fort. Next step – remaining funds to be used to clean interior of fort.
- B. Crystal Lake Park- Truitt Rabon to invoice Master Plan. Still awaiting response from school.
- C. Senior Center –Still awaiting status from Staff Attorney. Engineering negotiating design and construction.
- D. Basil Green Complex and Shell Point Restrooms – Roof being placed today. Should be completed in next 30 days.
- E. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement – Still awaiting response from Staff Attorney.
- F. SCAP Small-Sided Soccer – NBCPALS will adopt with one exception... under 13 will continue to play 11 on 11.
- G. PARD – Included on agenda for Delegation Meeting to be held January 22, 2006.
- H. Basketball – Season begins January 6, 2006.
- I. Participation Numbers – In the past, NBCPALS has been reporting incorrectly. Correct reporting in place and will reflect more accurately participation in PALS programs.

*Southern Beaufort - Joe Penale reporting*

- J. Basketball – Season begins tonight.
- K. Buckwalter County Park – Looking into design for a dog park at Buckwalter County Park.
- L. Bluffton Gym Roof – Still awaiting start of project.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Bluffton Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, South Carolina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 PM.

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