

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Conference Room  
Beaufort Industrial Park, Building 102  
Thursday, May 7, 2009  
2:30 PM

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**Board Members Present:** Robert Anderson  
William Brown  
Ronald Campbell  
Bill Evans  
William Grayson  
Michael Manesiotis  
Norman Varnes

**Board Members Absent:** Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Allan Stern, Vice Chairman

**Staff Present:** Morris Campbell, Director of Community Services  
John Miller, Director of Northern Beaufort PALS  
Sherry Jones, Assistant to PALS Directors  
Shannon Loper, Recreation Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Michael Manesiotis at 2:35 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 7, 2009 AGENDA**

Michael Manesiotis asked to remove item 9, Executive Session, from the agenda. It was motioned by William Brown and seconded by Ronald Campbell to approve the May 7, 2009 agenda with the correction of removing item 9. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2009 MINUTES**

It was motioned by Bill Evans and seconded by Robert Anderson to approve the April 2, 2009 minutes. The motion was moved and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

William Grayson, Program Committee Chairman, reported the Program Committee's April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was interrupted with a fire alarm. The Committee will schedule another meeting to complete its discussions on changes of the PALS Fee Schedule and then report to the Board. Mr. Grayson asked Mrs. Jones to add Mr. Brown to the Program Committee.

Mr. Campbell informed the Board that Mr. Hill, Deputy County Administrator, is still working with the PALS Budget and will update the Finance Committee before the next Board meeting.

## DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

### *Northern Beaufort – John Miller, Jr. reporting*

- A. Agnes Major Center Lease Agreement – The lease has been signed and forwarded to Boys and Girls Club for signing. Once signed and executed, the Board will receive notification.
- B. Summer Camp – Registration deadline was May 1<sup>st</sup>. To date, 344 children have been registered. Last year there were 390 registered.
- C. USDA Summer Nutrition Program – Last year, PALS sponsored 53 sites, this year there will be 58 sites with 6 in Southern Beaufort County. Last year over 80,000 meals were served and PALS goal is to serve 100,000 meals to the youth of Beaufort County.
- D. State Double Dutch Competition – Staff hosted the State Double Dutch competition at Burton Wells Recreation Center. There were over 200 participants from across the state. Mr. Grayson asked Mr. Miller if the tournament was a State tournament similar to Dixie State playoff. Mr. Miller explained that Double Dutch is a program that PALS offers and the State tournament has been held in Beaufort County before.
- E. Senior Services – Senior Services sponsored a puppet show with a guest performance by Battery Creek High School's Chorus at Burton Wells Recreation Center.
- F. Sea Island Veggie Festival – On May 16, 2009, PALS will partner with Clemson Extension to host a Sea Island Veggie Festival at the Gloria Potts Center to inform the public about nutritious choices.
- G. Next Board Meeting – Cullen Chambers, Director of Tybee Island Historical Society, has been asked to come to June's Board meeting to provide a presentation on the Fort Fremont Preservation Plan.
- H. Athletic Programs – All Spring sports have begun. Adult sports will begin late May.

### *Southern Beaufort – John Miller, reporting for Joe Penale*

- A. Buckwalter Recreation Center – Still ongoing and on schedule.
- B. Athletic Programs – All Spring sports have begun. Adult sports have begun. Mr. Manesiotis asked Mr. Miller where Mr. Penale was. Mr. Miller explained that Mr. Penale was unable to attend the meeting due to personal circumstances.

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Miller about the status of Burton Wells Phase II. Mr. Miller explained that Burton Wells Phase II is currently being discussed. A meeting has been scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with the contractor to organize dates for community meetings.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Miller if the new Buckwalter construction site has experienced any vandalizing as the soccer fields has. Mr. Miller was unclear if such activities have taken place but will check with Mr. Penale and report at the next Board meeting. Mr. Anderson suggested purchasing a camera system as soon as possible.

Mr. Manesiotis asked Mr. Miller to provide participation numbers for programs that PALS offers to assist to capture the number of participants to match against revenues collected. The athletic programs should be broken down by season.

Ms. Loper distributed handouts on Bluffton Center's Summer Camp and Buckwalter Center to the Board for review.

Mr. Anderson asked Ms. Loper to address his previous questions referencing vandalism at Buckwalter. Ms. Loper explained that there is only vandalism at the Soccer fields and they are looking at cameras. ADT has been contacted and there is a camera system that a person can monitor from their computer that is inexpensive for about \$1,800.00. Mr. Grayson asked if cameras are being considered for all

fields. Ms. Loper clarified that the cameras will be purchased for fields and it will allow PALS staff to monitor field usage and lights. Mr. Grayson asked if any problems have been encountered at M. C. Riley. She explained that children play basketball so late at night that it deters others from vandalizing the property.

Mr. Manesiotis asked Ms. Loper about an article in the newspaper in reference to patrons being thrown off of Crossings Park field. Ms. Loper clarified that the group is an organized Ultimate Frisbee club that had an organized practice and she has explained to the person in charge that they must rent the field in order to use it. Ms. Loper also explained that in the past, PALS has been unable to monitor the fields. Currently, a part-time Recreation Aide has been assigned to monitor fields in Bluffton and Hilton Head which will assist in illegal uses of the fields and enforce PALS rules. Ms. Loper continued to explain that illegal uses of the fields have caused a breakdown of the grass. For example, Oscar Frazier field will be shut down after this current season for three to four months to be re-sod in hopes that it will be ready for the next season. Ms. Loper explained that there is a field at the Old Hilton Head Annex patrons can use for free. Mr. Manesiotis asked Mr. Miller if Northern Beaufort County has experienced any such problems. Mr. Miller explained that Northern PALS has not.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Report on Lady's Island Business and Professional Association Meeting – Bill Evans reported on his attendance to the Lady's Island Business and Professional Association Meeting. Mr. Evans explained that although he was prepared to provide information on the Lady's Island projects, Glen Stanford of Trust for Public Lands was also there and he gave the presentation on the Lady's Island projects.

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Manesiotis thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 2:30 pm at the Beaufort Industrial Village, Bldg. 2 in Beaufort, South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.