

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

Conference Room
Beaufort Industrial Park, Building 102
Thursday, December 6, 2012
2:30 PM

Board Members Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
Ronald Campbell
Tom Ertter
Mike Manesiotis
Al Stern, Vice Chairman
Norman Varnes
Bruce Yeager

Board Members Absent: Chuck Culpepper
Gregory McCord

Staff Present: Joseph Penale, PALS Interim Director
Kerry White, PALS Recreation Supervisor

Guest Present: Alan Eisenman, Finance Department
Shannon Loper, Finance Department
Latisha Petty, Beaufort County School District
Troy Johnson, Riddell Athlete

CALL TO ORDER

Arthur Middleton, Chairman of the Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 MINUTES

The minutes from the September 6, 2012 Advisory Board meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

PALS INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The September Interim financial statement was presented by Alan Eisenman, Finance Department. The General Fund Revenues were \$163k while the Expenditures were at \$899k. When we compare that to this time last year our revenues were \$187k and our expenditures were \$876k. So our revenues were down \$25k and our expenses were up \$23k compared to last year in the General Fund. The Special Revenue Funds (which have restrictions as to how they can be spent) are as follows: PALS Capital Program - \$37k Fund Balance, PALS Impact Fees - \$2M Fund Balance, State PARD Grants - Zero Fund Balance, Summer Nutrition Program - \$14k Fund Balance, and Special Events - \$36k Fund Balance. The YMCA gave us a donation of \$387.00. The Special Revenue Funds Impact Fees are as follows: Daufuskie - \$483 Fund Balance, Bluffton - \$1.23M Fund Balance, Port Royal - \$2k Fund Balance, Lady's Island - (\$9k) Fund Balance, St. Helena - \$831k Fund Balance. These reports are unaudited and can be located at the following website:

<http://www.bcgov.net/departments/Finance/finance/documents/2013/PALS%20Interim%20Financials-%20Sept%202012.pdf>

INTERIM DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

A. SPECIAL EVENTS/ATHLETICS

Shannon Loper had a slide presentation of the Halloween carnival and haunted house held at Buckwalter Recreation Center the week before Halloween. It was very successful.

The Low Country All Star Soccer Tournament was held in Charleston with the following results: U-10 Girls - Bluffton (undefeated and no goals scored against them) with the runner up being the Beaufort team; U-10 Boys – Bluffton; U-12 Girls – Bluffton (undefeated and no goals scored against them); U-12 Boys – Beaufort; U-15 Coed – Bluffton; and U-18 Coed – Beaufort.

There were several slides showing the new soccer uniforms. The uniforms are very colorful and parents are happy with them. We get them factory direct from Score and will be using Score for our basketball uniforms starting this season.

Shannon thanked the County Channel for all their support in televising the different sports.

Troy Johnson, Riddell Athlete, talked about the new football helmets which PALS would like to purchase. They are better quality and have more safety features. They will cost about the same as what we are currently paying (\$75-80) per helmet. All helmets are required to be replaced after ten years in service. They will service our current helmets and phase them out with the Riddell helmets as needed.

Shannon reported on the various upcoming tournaments—9/10 boys and girls A- tournament; 11/12 girls and boys sub-district which will be March 2-3 and then state the following weekend. The World Series will be July 11-12, 2013 in Bluffton.

B. PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

1. BASKETBALL

The three year Basketball comparisons (210/2011/2012) are as follows respectively: North – 343/338/273, South – 438/558/633 and Total Participation – 781/896/906. Numbers are down in Beaufort and up in Bluffton.

2. AQUATICS

The pools had the following participation numbers for September, October, and November respectively: Battery Creek – 1058/1072/622; Beaufort – 2959/1771/793; Bluffton – 2458/3897/2861; Lind Brown – Closed Labor Day for season. TOTAL PARTICIPATION – 6524/6740/4276. The drop off in November is due to the holidays and the schools not doing lessons. The Bluffton pool numbers were down in August because the swim team takes a two week break. Beaufort numbers are pretty steady.

3. AFTER SCHOOL

The After School participation numbers for 2010, 2011, and 2012 respectively are: Bluffton – 63/58/56; Burton Wells – 41/41/26, and Port Royal – 30/28/26. Total participation respectively is 134/127/102. We are down about 25 kids with most of them being in Burton Wells. We are lacking space and staff in Bluffton. Transportation issues have been resolved for the time being.

C. PROJECT UPDATES

Joe gave the presentation. MC Riley Lighting project will start within the next week. There are three fields at MC Riley and only one multipurpose field does not have lights. That is the one we will be adding the lights to. Pool Resurfacing – The prebid meeting is set for December 13th. We plan to resurface the Battery Creek and Beaufort indoor pools. Bluffton Recreation Center – We are looking to add a back door to the Bluffton gym to access the restrooms from the football fields. They will not have access to the gym so we will be able to take out the port-a-potties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom Ertter gave the following updates for the Program Committee: Online Registration – The Committee would like to propose that staff be allowed to move forward with obtaining the proper studies needed to have online registration. Arthur made the motion to proceed with staff obtaining the necessary information; the motion was seconded by Al Stern and it was approved unanimously. Accreditation – We are associated with the National Association of Youth Sports. They encourage accreditation from the top down bottom up. Motion was made by Arthur Middleton to allow staff to proceed with getting information needed to get accreditation for everyone. Motion was seconded by Al Stern and was approved unanimously.

BOARD VACANCIES

Arthur reported that Terry Dingle resigned in October and was being replaced by Gregory McCord. Arthur also reported that Norman Varnes was resigning in February and thanked him all his many years of service with the PALS Board. Norman thanked the County for allowing him to serve and said he looks forward to returning at a later date. We will need to find a replacement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session was called to discuss property acquisition. Upon returning from the executive session, the consensus was that we need additional studies regarding the property situation. We will continue discussion and hope to resolve it in the near future. There was a motion to reconvene the Advisory Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Stern said he would like to see PALS start a volleyball program. He said the time is right and it is probably one the cheapest to run. Buckwalter and Burton Wells already have the nets which is the expensive part of it. He would like the Program Committee to take the lead and work with the administration in getting it started. They need to keep in mind the key is getting the kids out which could be done through the schools and the Junior Olympic Volleyball program. The second key is coaches. We could use the kids already in volleyball to coach the younger kids. The real problem is gym access. If the kids are going to do the coaching they would need to do it in the summer. He also said there are several other counties that have successful volleyball programs and there is no reason why Beaufort County should not have a successful program. The Program Committee would look into the specifics and get back to the Board.

MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

There were no further concerns that needed to be addressed at this time. Arthur thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a good holiday season. The next Board meeting will be held on March 7, 2013 at 2:30 PM at the Beaufort Industrial Village, Bldg 2 in Beaufort, SC. The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.