

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Buckwalter Recreation Center  
Thursday, October 4, 2018  
2:53 PM

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**Board Members Present:** Erac Priester, Bruce Yeager, Stan Ganshow, Bill Brown, Ron Campbell, Mike Manesiotis,

**Board Members Absent:** Arthur Middleton, Chairman

**Staff Present:** Matt Watts (Parks and Recreation Deputy Director), Phil Foot (Director of Public Safety), Vincent Leon (Parks and Recreation Pool Manger), Antoinette Binette (Parks and Recreation Pool Manager), Lisa Arrington (Administrative Assistant to Director), Darrell Ketola (Athletic Supervisor), Harry Perry (Athletics Supervisor)

**Guest Present:** Kathy Burton and Patricia Jaudon

**Call to Order:** Mike Manesiotis called the meeting to order at 2:53 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance said by all present. Mike Manesiotis motioned to Chair the meeting, motioned seconded by Erac Preister Around the room introductions.

**Public Comment:** Kathy Barton presented option to play pickle ball in Burton Wells basketball courts. Stan Ganshow asked about hours they would want to play. Yeager requested for a formal request with cost and needs what facility would be used. Stan Ganshow suggested for her to contact Matt Watts with proposal. Mike Manesiotis tabled the conversation for this meeting to bring information with Parks and Recreation staff.

**Review:** Board approved the minutes for June of 2018. Mike Manesiotis made a motion to approve the minutes, and Erac Priester seconded the motion. All approved.

**New Business:**

**Chairman/Vice Chairman Elect:** Matt Watts discussed Chair and Vice Chair were open and needed to be voted on today. Mike Manesiotis requested to wait till next meeting for vote. Discussion of positions for each member and which were vacant. Discussion tabled till next meeting.

**Military Discount:** Matt Watts requested for fees for military at a discount equal to Senior fees, \$1 a day, \$8 a month or \$75 per year. Mike Manesiotis moved to approve fees reduced for active military personal and families. Erac Preister seconded the motion, all approved.

**Jasper County Fees:** Matt Watts presented option for Jasper County membership of \$25 monthly, due to half population of Sun City residents in Jasper county and use our facilities. Discussion of possibility to change if there is a large influx of customers with over use of facilities. Stan Ganshow requested to see reports after starting the change to see increase of new patrons with next meeting. Mike Manesiotis motioned to approve the rate of \$25 monthly with option to change in future. Motion seconded by Bill Brown. Erac Priester voted no, all others approved.

**Election Drive:** League of Women Voters requested to use Coosaw Center for Voters Registration Drive with fee waived. Stan Ganshow asked if there would be anyone campaigning during this time. Patricia advised they would not be allowed to campaign. Request of fee cost, advised there is a \$200.00 deposit and \$50.00 per hour. Erac Priester motioned to approve with payment of deposit of \$200.00, waive the fee. Bruce Yeager seconded the motion, all approved.

**Special Recreation:** Partnering or running a program for Special Needs. Mike Manesiotis spoke of his information with a group called Discovery Kids on Hilton Head Island. Patricia spoke of adding Special Needs activities for the kids. Use and advertise through the Rec Center. Planning a dance in December. They will find volunteers to work with the kids. They will need a bus; they are going to work on getting a grant to purchase one.

## Director's Report

**Name/Ordinance Change:** Matt advised proposal to County Council for name change to Parks and Recreation was approved. Website changed to BCSCREC.com, can also still use BCPALS.com. Ordinances were approved by County Council that govern the parks and recreation rental. Mike Manesiotis asked about signage changes and cost. Matt advised changes of some of the signs are completed, except some of the larger signs at parks.

**National Parks and Recreation Conference:** Matt advised they participated in Conference in Indianapolis. Good information and possible equipment that could save money long term. Looked at turf for some of the future fields. Some companies install cameras to document the usage of the fields.

## Deputy Director Report

**Hanna Bench:** Mrs. Hanna wants to place a bench at the downtown tennis courts in memory of her husband's with his name, Don Hanna. He was very involved in teaching the children about tennis with free lessons. She is willing to purchase the bench with our approval of the bench. Bill Brown spoke of Mr Hanna and his giving back to the community.

**Maintenance:** Matt advised that Parks and Recreation took over grounds maintenance in July, recently made some purchases of equipment. New paint machine to make lines on fields. New U-dump and four new trailers, tillers, blowers and weed eater. Two new trucks for crews, trying to upgrade from the trucks with over 400,000 miles on them. Purchase of new drag machine and ATV's (Toro's), lawn mowers for each area. Mike asked where is the money from to purchase the equipment. Matt advised some items were from last year's budget. Some out of this year's impact fees dispersed from each area. All purchases are from state contracts. Maintenance will be scheduled through Beaufort County maintenance shop. Vehicles with Toro are on contract. Bruce Yeager asked about cost to impact fees, approx. \$150,000. Stan Ganshow asked about budget coming from the County budget for maintenance. Bruce Yeager asked about the finances for cost to run facilities and how much is out of budget compared to revenue

from fees. Mike asked for budget for each department. Matt advised the issue still is with MaxGalaxy is not interfacing with Munis.

**Athletics:** Matt presented the numbers for Basketball and LaCrosse for each area. Provided numbers of the sports for the Fall season. Adult softballs have 30 teams; volleyball has 56 signed up for fall season.

**Programs:** Challenger soccer in both Beaufort and Bluffton this year. Golf clinics over summer lower numbers, may be due to the cost. Will look to try a lower the cost of class, maybe with getting a sponsorship. New programs, Zumba and Yoga, numbers are still low, trying to boost with advertisement. Personal trainer at Buckwalter with Nick Shappee.

**Tournaments:** 2019 Dixie Youth Ozone State Tournament will be hosted here. The dates are dictated by the Dixie Youth. This will be hosted at Oscar Frazier Park.

**Aquatics:** Anny Binette presented the Battery Creek programs. Then she presented the information for Beaufort pool. Vinny Leon presented Bluffton pools programs. Bruce Yeager asked about the closure of pool for maintenance. Vinny stated they closed to fix the insulation and rust, then reopened a week later.

**Employee Update:** Need 1 Part time Admin Clerk in Bluffton. Marketing position open. New Athletics Supervisor hired, Harry Perry introduced to all. Pending approval for another Athletics Supervisor. Grounds Maintenance have hired 8 positions. Jack Fripp is Superintendent stationed in Beaufort and Steve Barco is Asst Superintendent stationed in Bluffton.

Phil Foot spoke to applied PARD funds for resurfacing of tennis courts total of \$50,000.

**Executive Session:** No Executive Session

**Questions:** No questions.

**7. Announcements:**

**A. Next Meeting-December 6, 2018 in Beaufort**

**Adjourned at 4:09 pm**