

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

County Council Chambers
Thursday, September 1, 2022
2:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Bruce Yeager, *Chair, Southern Beaufort County*
Carlos Cave, *School District Administration ex-officio*
William McCullough, *Vice-Chair, Northern Beaufort County*
Phil Kiser, *At Large*
Alan Arseneau, *Southern Beaufort County*

Board Members Absent:

Erac Priester, *Southern Beaufort County*
Ronald Campbell, *Northern Beaufort County*
James Mack, *Northern Beaufort County*
Bill Brown, *Military ex-officio*

Staff Members Present:

Shannon Loper, *Director, Parks and Recreation*
Heather Clint, *Senior Administrative Specialist, Parks and Recreation*
Antoinette Binette, *Aquatics Manager, Parks and Recreation*
Shane Stager, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*
Evan Christian, *Athletics Manager, Parks and Recreation*
Rob Lewis, *County Channel*

Guests Present:

Scott Whitehead, *City of Beaufort Resident*
Logan Cunningham, *District 7 County Representative*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by **Bruce Yeager**.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were completed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Whitehead is in attendance for public comment. He is part of a pickleball club, which has grown to 200 people. He states that pickleball is a growing sport both here in the United States and worldwide. He states that his organization is also involved in outreach. He asks that more courts be built or made available in a central location, preferably Southside. **Bruce Yeager** clarifies that courts also need to be open to public. **Shannon Loper** states that we are in the process of building courts at Burton Wells, for which we have specific funding. The City of Beaufort owns a large portion of the land at Southside and that there is a water table issue. **Scott Whitehead** argues that there is sufficient space for building. **Bruce Yeager** asks if his group would welcome the courts that are coming to Burton Wells. **Scott Whitehead** responds that most people he knows will not drive that distance to play, and that they prefer Southside. **Bruce Yeager** points out that the increase in facilities we have provided are being consistently utilized, and that is a good thing. **Scott Whitehead** agrees.

A citizen intending to attend this meeting had an emergency and could not make it. She asked Parks and Recreation staff to distribute her materials to the Board. **Will McCullough** encourages this citizen to attend the next meeting, so that her ideas can be heard. **Bruce Yeager** states that the record should show that her materials were made available for review, but that she needs to be present in order to put forth public comments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

Will McCullough motions to approve the July minutes and **Alan Arseneau** seconds. The motion passes.

Bruce Yeager asks how many Master Plan surveys we received. **Shannon Loper** states that they received more than they needed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Shannon Loper:

- **Downtown Tennis Update:** Work has been slowed by rain, but the asphalt is poured, and the fences are going up. Some light poles have been replaced. There are seven courts. **Bruce Yeager** asks if these courts are tennis only. **Shannon Loper** states that yes, these courts are tennis only.
- **Bluffton Pool Updates:** New beams are installed, and work is progressing. Rain has slowed this project. Crews have added weekends to speed up the process, because original re-opening date has been postponed. **Bruce Yeager** asks if that changes our cost. **Shannon Loper** says it does not.
- **Seniors Program:**
 - Current Enrollment Numbers:
 - Bluffton: 41
 - Booker T: 45
 - Burton Wells: 40

- Port Royal: 15
 - Scott Center: 16
 - St. Helena: 32
 - Meals are being provided at:
 - Bluffton
 - Burton Wells
 - St. Helena
 - Renovations are taking place at Scott, Port Royal, and Booker T, so that we will have them on the meals program soon.
 - The program is rewarding and successful. The seniors continue to be excited about the program
- **Registration Numbers Youth:**
 - **Current Sports/Fall 2022**
 - Beaufort
 - Soccer: 420
 - Flag Football: 94
 - Cheer: 33
 - Baseball: 125
 - Softball: 50
 - Bluffton
 - Soccer: 819
 - Flag Football: 279
 - Cheer: 53
 - Baseball: 296
 - Softball: 149
 - **Winter youth sports registration begins today.**
- **Registration Numbers Adult:**
 - **Current Sports/Fall 2022**
 - Beaufort
 - Baseball: Registration begins Monday.
 - Bluffton
 - Softball: 42 Teams
 - Volleyball: 4 Teams (Registration ends Friday.)
- **Playgrounds:**
 - Playgrounds have been chosen for Bluffton Center, Gloria Potts, Shell Point, Lind Brown, Wesley Felix, and Agnes Major. Purchase orders have been turned in. Playgrounds should be coming in by March or April of 2023.

AQUATICS

- **Program Updates:**
 - **Indoor Pools**
 - **Battery Creek:**
 - Pool Hours (Until Bluffton Pool is Reopened):
 - Monday – Friday: 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-7:00PM
 - Saturday – Inflatables: 10:30AM-4:30 PM
 - BOGA Classes:
 - Tuesday and Thursday: 6:15PM-6:45PM
 - FINS:
 - Monday - Friday: 4:30PM-5:30PM
 - High School:
 - Monday - Friday: 5:30PM-7:00PM
 - Youth Swim Lesson:
 - September 12-22: 9:00AM – 12:00PM
 - **Beaufort Pool:**
 - Pool Hours:
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-7:00PM
 - BOGA Classes:
 - Monday and Wednesday: 6:15PM-6:45PM
 - Water Aerobics Classes:
 - Monday and Wednesday: 1:30PM-2:30PM
 - High School:
 - Monday – Friday: 4:00PM-6:00PM
 - Youth School Swim Lessons:
 - September 26 - October 6: 9:00AM-12:00PM
 - **Outdoor Pool – Lind Brown:**
 - Pool Hours:
 - Saturday: 10:00AM-12:00PM / 1:00PM-7:00PM
 - Sunday: 1:00PM-7:00PM
 - Monday: 10:00AM-1:00PM
 - Dog Day: September 10 / 10:00AM-1:00PM (Last day of season)
 - **Classes:**
 - Group and Private Swim:
 - Year Round
 - Stroke Improvement:
 - Year Round
 - CPR:
 - By Appointment
 - Lifeguard Classes:
 - Year Round (Dates to be announced)
- **Bruce Yeager** asks when our pool contract with the school district ends. He also asks for pool utilization numbers.

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

- **Admin:**
 - 2 FT Admin Clerk
 - Facilities Maintenance
- **Aquatics:**
 - Lifeguards:
 - 4 Full Time Open

- 4 Part Time Open
- **Maintenance:**
 - 8 Open
- **Athletics:**
 - 2 Athletic Supervisor
- **Rec Aides:**
 - 9 Open

Bruce Yeager asks if the Centers are open on the weekends. **Shannon Loper** states that we are not open on weekends yet due to staffing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board meeting is Thursday, November 3, 2022, in Beaufort. *

**The November meeting was cancelled. Next meeting occurs on Thursday, January 5, 2023.*

QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURN

There is a motion to adjourn. The motion is seconded. The meeting is adjourned.