

# BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Buckwalter Recreation Center  
Thursday, March 6, 2025  
2:30 PM

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**Board Members Present:**

Phil Kiser, *Southern Beaufort County*  
Alan Arseneau, *Southern Beaufort County*  
Mark Rennix, *Northern Beaufort County*  
Elizabeth “Buffy” Camputaro, *At-Large*

**Board Members Absent:**

Ron Campbell, *Northern Beaufort County*  
Bruce Yeager, *Chair, Southern Beaufort County*  
Carlos Cave, *School District Administration ex-officio*  
Jonne Hayes Sr., *Northern Beaufort County*

**Staff Members Present:**

Heather Clint, *Administrative Manager, Parks and Recreation*  
Shane Stager, *Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation*  
Darrell Ketola, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*  
Scott Schnee, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*  
Alexander Hunt, *Athletics Manager, Parks and Recreation*  
Brock Vaughn, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*  
Antoinette Binette, *Aquatics Manager, Parks and Recreation*  
Evan Christian, *Athletics Manager, Parks and Recreation*  
Faranica Renyolds, *Recreation Coordinator, Parks and Recreation*  
Robert Rozek, *Athletic Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*  
Ted Sochaski, *Athletic Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by **Phil Kiser**. **Phil Kiser** stated that there were not enough board members present to pass any motions or any new business. **Phil Kiser** said that the meeting will continue as planned.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were completed.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Phil Kiser** stated that they are unable to approve the agenda due to not having enough Board members present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There is no public comment.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> MINUTES**

**Phil Kiser** stated that they are unable to approve the minutes due to not having enough Board members present.

## **FEE WAIVER / REDUCTION REQUESTS**

### **Scheper Tennis Academy**

**Shane Stager** asked to amend the agenda for Fee Waiver number 7. Scheper Tennis will be at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Phil Kiser** stated that number 7 would be taken off the agenda.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- **Operations**
  - Patron Check-Ins:
    - Buckwalter Recreation Center
      - January 2025: 3255
      - February 2025: 3720
    - Burton Wells Recreation Center
      - January 2025: 357
      - February 2025: 335
    - Charles Lind Brown Recreation Center
      - January 2025: 256
      - February 2025: 223

- **Athletics**

### **Current League - Spring**

- **Bluffton Youth (2024 and 2025 Registration Numbers)**

Soccer	2024: 1117	2025: 1038	(-79) Registration Closed
Baseball	2024: 486	2025: 496	(+10) Registration Closed
Softball	2024: 219	2025: 205	(-14) Registration Closed
Flag Football	2024: 387	2025: 389	(+2) Registration Closed
Lacrosse	2024: 89	2025: 71	(-18) Registration Closed
Diamond Youth Softball	2024: -	2025: 14	(+14) Registration Closed
Dixie Boys Baseball	2024: 43	2025: 21	(-22) Registration Closed

- **Bluffton Adult**

Volleyball	2024: 71	2025: 103	(+34) Registration Closed
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#### Recap – Winter Sports

- **Bluffton Youth**

Basketball	2024: 946	2025: 932	(-14) Registration Closed
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- **Bluffton Adult**

Adult Kickball	2024: 167	2025: 106	(-61) Registration Closed
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#### Current League - Spring

- **Beaufort Youth**

Soccer	2024: 606	2025: 569	(-37) Registration Closed
Baseball	2024: 329	2025: 310	(-19) Registration Closed
Softball	2024: 87	2025: 116	(+29) Registration Closed
Flag Football	2024: 143	2025: 154	(-11) Registration Closed
Lacrosse	2024: -	2025: 33	(+33) Registration Closed

- **Beaufort Adult**

Indoor Soccer	2024: -	2025: 43	(+43) Registration Closed
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#### Recap Winter Sports

- **Beaufort Youth**

Basketball	2024: 279	2025: 258	(-21) Registration Closed
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- **Beaufort Adult**

Basketball	2024: -	2025: 33	(+33) Registration Closed
Kickball	2024: 89	2025: 59	(-30) Registration Closed

#### New Programming and Upcoming Tournaments (Sports)

- SCAP State Basketball Tournament (3/8,3/9)
  - Bluffton - 8u Girls, 10u Girls, 12u Girls, 14u Boys and 17u Boys
  - Beaufort – 10u Boys (Division 1 and 2)
- Adult Basketball League (Potentially adding summer season)
- Adult Indoor Soccer League (started 3/4)
- Beaufort Lacrosse League (33)
- Lacrosse Clinic: (71)

- **Senior Program Update**

Centers:

- Bluffton Center
- Booker T Washington
- Burton Wells Center
- Dale Center
- Lind Brown Center
- Port Royal Center
- Scott Center
- St. Helena Center

Meals:

- Meals served and delivered for January/February
  - Home Delivered Meals (HDM): 3,720
  - Group Dining: 2,939

**Shane Stager** stated that the number of meals, both home delivered and group dining, has increased. Booker T. Washington remodeling will be starting soon. We are in the process of starting two new senior community centers: Agnes Major and Wesley Felix.

- **Aquatics**

**Battery Creek:**

- Pool Hours:
  - Monday – Friday: 8am – 1pm / 2pm – 7pm
  - Saturday: 8am – 1pm (Lap Swim)
  - First Saturday of the month: Inflatables 11am-4:30pm
- Youth School Swim Lessons
  - Monday – Thursday: 9am – 1pm
- Programs:
  - FINS: Monday – Friday: 4pm – 7pm
- Patron Check Ins:
  - January: FINS: 445, public: 419 total 864
  - February: FINS: 467, public: 917 total 1384

**Beaufort Pool:**

- Pool Hours:
  - Monday – Friday: 8am – 1pm / 2pm – 7pm
  - Saturday: 8am – 1pm (lap swim)
  - First Saturday of the month: Inflatables 11am-4:30pm
- Youth School Swim Lessons:
  - Monday – Thursday: 9am – 1pm
- Programs:
  - ISR (Infant Swimming Resource) Monday – Friday: 2:15pm – 6:15pm
  - Water Aerobics: Belinda Flohr: Monday 2:15pm – 3:15pm, Wednesday & Friday 10am – 11:15am
- Patron Check Ins:
  - January: 1097
  - February: 1117

**Bluffton Pool:**

- Closed for construction

**Alvin Settles Pool:**

- Closed for the season.

#### **Classes Offered:**

- **Group and Private Swim** (Children & Adults): Year-round – sign up online
- **Stroke Improvement:** Year-round – sign up online
- **CPR:** By appointment
- **Lifeguard Classes:** Just finished at Battery Creek. Next class is at Beaufort Pool. March 22 – 28<sup>th</sup> - sign up online.

- **Recreation**

- **New Classes:**

- Pickleball – April
    - Kid's Jam Fitness – Classes start March 21<sup>st</sup>. ages 6-11.
    - Tone It Thursday Fitness – Classes start March 13<sup>th</sup>. ages 18 and over.

- **Other Classes:**

- Karate, Bridge, Zumba, Urban Line Dance, Salsa, Bachata, Gentle / Chair Yoga, Country Line Dance, Jungle Body

- **Camps:**

- New Out of School Camp -2-day Crafty Camp - February
    - Spring Break Camp – April 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. ages 6-12
      - Buckwalter Recreation Center
      - Burton Wells Recreation Center
    - Summer Camps (June & July)

- **Events:**

- Repack the Backpack – February
    - Community Baby Shower – End of March

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE**

- **Director's Report**

- Director's Report given by **Shane Stager**, Deputy Director.

- **Partnership & Facility Updates**

- **Partnerships:**

- Adapted Basketball (BCSD, SOAR)
    - Special Olympics (SOAR)
    - Public / Private Baseball / Softball (Lady's Island, Bridges, Cross, HHCA)
    - Thumbs up
    - Healthy Connections Medicaid Program (Repack the Backpack and Community Baby Shower event)

**Shane Stager** stated that we started our Adapted Basketball program. In the fall we held Adapted Soccer. Basketball is a little more challenging so we will probably go back to soccer in the future. Special Olympics will be using our Bluffton Center gym to get in some of their practices. We continue to host our private and public schools using our facilities.

- **Construction:**
  - Agnes Major Center, Wesley Felix (New Construction Planning)
  - Booker T Washington Center (Renovations)
  - Charles Lind Brown Center (Renovations)
  - Bluffton Pool (Renovations)
  - Bluffton Center (Renovations and Planning)
  - Shell Point Park (Partially closed for renovations)
  - Southside Pickleball (Partially closed for renovations)

**Shane Stager** stated that we are in the infant phase of planning the new community centers at Agnes Major and Wesley Felix. Booker T. renovation will be starting soon. Charles Lind Brown will be getting a face lift in the gym, new floor, bleachers, rims. We are not advertising a reopen date for Bluffton Pool. The walls for Bluffton Pool are expected at the end of the month. There is a planned renovation for the Bluffton Center, which includes the Senior Center and the gymnasium building. We are in the planning stage for the fields. The larger baseball fields and soccer fields are getting turf. At Shell Point Park, there has been root intrusion, they are closed for safety reasons. We are getting quotes to have them resurfaced. Southside Pickleball has new pickleball courts and a basketball court. Some of the pickleball courts are puddling so they need to be resurfaced so they are closed.

**Shane Stager** states that we will be watching the continued resolution from the fiscal side, as our senior programs are funded heavily by the federal government. If the budget isn't passed, we will need to start looking at how to keep things running, most specifically the dining piece.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Phil Kiser** stated that the next meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup> at Beaufort County Council Chambers at 2:30. The minutes will be approved at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting was Adjourned.