

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING February 19, 2008**

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Tom Boyko	Ross Pagano
Lisa Giltner	Grant Maloy
Judy Putz	Ben Tucker
Robert Bowden	Barbara Whittier
Michael Martin	Mike Williams

Staff:

Joseph R. Abel, Leisure Services Director
Jim Duby, Natural Lands Manager
Bryan Nipe, Streetscapes & Trails
Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

LOCATION:

Sylvan Lake Park
845 Lake Markham Road
Sanford, FL 32771

TIME:

Joe Abel, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There is a quorum in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Abel **welcomed** the members to the new Leisure Services Advisory Committee and introduced his staff. He then requested the members introduce themselves.

Mr. Abel gave a PowerPoint presentation **overview of the department** and divisions as well as presented his vision for the future of the Leisure Services Department. He expressed his desire for the committee to be the eyes, ears and mouthpiece between the department and citizens and Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Abel informed that he wants to be able to provide the BCC with recommendations from this committee when he makes presentations to the BCC. Mr. Abel opened the floor to discussions at which time Soldiers Creek Park, plans to develop programming, trails/park security and the Sunshine Laws were among the topics of discussion.

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Mr. Tucker wanted to know if the meetings will be conducted per **Robert's Rules**. Mr. Abel confirmed that they will be.

Mr. Bowden requested to determine dates, times, frequency and location of **future meetings**. Lisa Giltner made a motion to hold monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the location to be announced. Ross Pagano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Abel called for the **election of officers**. Lisa Giltner made a motion for Mike Martin to be elected chairman. Robert Bowden seconded the motion. Mr. Martin accepted the nomination. Mr. Abel asked if there were any other nominations. Tom Boyko made a motion for Ben Tucker to be elected chairman. Grant Maloy seconded the motion. Mr. Tucker accepted the nomination. Ross Pagano made a motion to close the nominations. Barbara Whittier seconded the motion. Mr. Abel suggested that since we have two members committed to serving as officers a written vote be taken and one would be chosen as chairman and the other would be vice chairman. Votes were cast. Ben Tucker was elected Chairman and Mike Martin was elected Vice Chairman. The meeting was turned over to Ben Tucker.

Bryan Nipe presented a request for a recommendation to move forward with a **Recreation Trails Grant** application. The grant is through the Department of Environmental Protection for \$200,000 to make improvements to the trails such as resurfacing, benches, landscaping, etc. Ross Pagano made a motion to approve going forward with the grant application. Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Mr. Tucker asked if there was any other business. There was no further business so Mr. Tucker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.