

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 25, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Tom Boyko	Ross Pagano
Lisa Giltner	Tim Donihi
Deborah Schafer	Ben Tucker
Michael Martin	Mike Williams
Barbara Whittier	

Staff:

Joseph R. Abel, CPRP, Leisure Services Director
Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Mal and Mary Jo Martin
Marie Tatman
Richard Creedon
Christopher Stapleton
Sheila Gustafson

LOCATION:

Seminole County Softball Complex
264 W. North Street
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

TIME:

Ben Tucker, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Ben Tucker asked if there are any additions or deletions to the April meeting minutes. There were none. Mr. Tucker announced the **minutes stand approved** as is.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Parks & Recreation Division**
 - None

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- **Natural Lands Division**
 - Mr. Tucker asked for an update regarding the **Logue property**. Joe Abel informed the Committee that Joanne Logue gave him information from the latest appraisal. Mr. Abel advised that the St. Johns River Water Management District seems to have the greatest interest in this piece of property and they are waiting for funding information from the State of Florida. Mr. Abel is also talking to a group regarding long term management of the property. Discussion ensued.
- **Streetscapes & Trails Division**
 - None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parks & Recreation**
 - None
- **Natural Lands**
 - Mr. Abel pointed out that there is a packet already provided regarding **Heath Springs**. Mr. Abel informed that there are guests present to provide more information. Mr. Tucker asked if there is a spokesperson to make a presentation. Mal Martin provided a handout and gave a presentation pointing out legislation regarding the property. Much discussion ensued. Christopher Stapleton also gave a presentation regarding the property. More discussion followed. The Committee requested Mr. Abel use assets/personnel at his disposal to check into the State statutes, Seminole County plans for Highway 46, water quality, habitats, plant species, etc. regarding this property.
 - The Committee also requested an **inventory of properties** that might be of interest and the Committee can visit sites, evaluate them and prioritize what to recommend to the BCC.
- **Streetscapes & Trails**
 - Mike Martin voiced concern regarding the **bicyclist fatality** on the Seminole Wekiva Trail a few weeks ago. There was discussion regarding ways to avoid this kind of mishap in the future. The Committee requested an update at the next meeting.
 - Tom Boyko asked about **trees being removed** from Tuskawilla Road. Mr. Abel advised that the only trees being removed are those that have been hit by cars or diseased and have died. Also, some re-landscaping is being done because the contractor was not adhering to the contract.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Mr. Abel gave an update on the **Budget as a result of the May 1st Commission Budget Consensus Meeting** and the effects on the Leisure Services Department. Mr. Abel explained that the department will need community involvement in the future. Discussions followed including the tennis program, the museum and incorporating volunteers.

Mr. Tucker called for a 5 minute **break** at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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- Mr. Tucker requested Julia Thompson present the **Sponsorship Program**. Discussion followed. Mr. Tucker requested confirmation that donations are tax deductible. Mike Martin made a motion recommending to move forward with the program as it was presented. Deborah Schafer seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously. Mr. Tucker requested development of a structure to acquire land with a sponsorship program. Mr. Abel informed that he is working on a foundation program for land acquisition.
- Mr. Tucker requested Joe Abel present the **Scholarship Program**. Mr. Abel presented the program and clarified that it is a youth oriented program. Discussion followed. Mike Williams made a motion recommending to move forward with the program as it was presented. Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Mr. Tucker suggested moving the **mission statement** item to the next meeting due to the late hour. Committee members agreed unanimously.

Mr. Tucker adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.