

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
February 25, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Bob Adolphe, Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Tim Donihi, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Deborah Schaefer, Trish Walden, Barbara Whittier and Mike Williams.

**Members Absent:** Ben Tucker.

**Guests:** Col. (Ret.) O.L. Ramsey, Jerry Burns

**Staff:** Bryan Nipe, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager  
Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation  
Jim Duby, Natural Lands Program Manager  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

**LOCATION:**

Sylvan Lake Park  
845 Lake Markham Road  
Sanford, FL 32771

**TIME:**

Mike Martin, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There is a **quorum** in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Election of Officers** was addressed. Tim Donihi suggested a nomination committee to bring nominations to the March meeting and he volunteered to chair the committee. Deborah Schafer volunteered to assist Mr. Donihi.

Mr. Martin asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the **January minutes**. Tom Boyko made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, Mark Brandenburg seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Parks & Recreation Division**
  - Mr. Martin asked if there was any old business regarding Parks & Recreation. There was none.
- **Greenways & Natural Lands Division**
  - Jim Duby handed out documentation regarding the Thomas property as well as other properties and their rankings. Discussion followed. Bob Goff made a **motion to form a subcommittee** to develop a list of properties previously ranked and start that process again with a current

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list to present to the BCC identifying and prioritizing properties for Natural Lands purchase. Tom Boyko seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously. Deborah Schafer, Barbara Whittier, Bob Goff, Trish Walden and Mark Brandenburg volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

- **Administration**
  - None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Parks & Recreation Division**
  - Julia Thompson passed around several graphs representing statistical information for participant programs and reviewed them. Discussion followed. The Committee requested Ms. Thompson bring information clarifying what the projected revenue had been.
- **Greenways & Natural Lands Division**
  - Bryan Nipe presented the request to rename the Seminole Wekiva Trail to the **Purple Heart Trail** to commemorate combat wounded veterans. Col. O.L. Ramsey also presented the request he is making to make sure everyone is reminded that freedom isn't free. There was much discussion regarding this issue. The Committee requested Col. Ramsey bring back his groups ideas for location and example of the signage.
  - Mr. Nipe presented the **Boater Improvement Program applications** from the Cities of Casselberry and Sanford and explained how the program works. The applications were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Nipe clarified that there is \$50,000 to be granted in any way the Committee recommends. Bob Goff **made a motion** to have the applicants come to a Leisure Services Advisory Committee meeting to present their applications. Tim Donihi seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.
  - Mr. Nipe informed that the BCC gave the Division direction to move forward on **options for the cabin at the Lake Harney Wilderness Area** since it is an historical site. Options, feasibility studies and costs were discussed. Mark Brandenburg **made a motion** to recommend the second option to the BCC and that the Geneva Historical Society be allowed to take pieces prior to demolition. Trish Walden seconded the motion. Tim Donihi abstained from voting. All other member approved the motion. The **motion passed**.
  - Mr. Nipe advised that the **house at Wilson's Landing** is not currently being utilized and presented a couple of options. Options were discussed. Bob Goff **made a motion** to recommend to postpone taking action pending Federal legislation under way that could fund improvements to the dwelling. Tom Boyko seconded the motion. There were eight ayes. The **motion passed**.
  - Mr. Nipe presented the application needed to be a **Tree City USA**. Tim Donihi **made a motion** to recommend to move forward with the

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application to become a Tree City USA. Bob Goff seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

- **Administration**

- The committee agreed to **table** the Leisure Services Advisory Committee discussion, the Absence Policy discussion and the Future Meeting Date, Time & Location **discussion to the next meeting**.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Martin asked if there is any other business. The **next meeting** will be March 25, 2009, 6:30 p.m. Trish Walden **made a motion** to hold the next meeting at the Softball Complex. Bob Goff seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.