

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
May 27, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Bob Adolphe, Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Mike Martin, Earl McMullen, Trish Walden, and Mike Williams.

**Members Absent:** Tim Donihi, Ben Tucker and Barbara Whittier.

**Staff:** Bryan Nipe, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager  
Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager  
Joseph R. Abel, CPRP, Leisure Services Director  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

**LOCATION:**

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

**TIME:**

Chairman Bob Goff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There is a **quorum** in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goff asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **April minutes**. Robert Bowden made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, Trish Walden seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

Mr. Goff reviewed the new format for meetings.

**County Commission Summary Report**

- Tom Boyko addressed topics of interest that were addressed at the last two BCC meetings:
  - Budget cuts do not include Jetta Point Park.
  - Trails are maintained by outside contractors.
  - The BCC approved \$24,000 in litigation support for Lake Harney Wilderness Area/Crocket Property for surveying, etc.
- Joe Abel further explained that the Greenways & Natural Lands staff cleaned up the contracts for trails maintenance to reduce the cost by approximately \$125,000. Discussion followed.

**Department Briefing/Update**

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- Julia Thompson distributed a handout reflecting Parks & Recreation participation data and reviewed the report. Discussion followed.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- Natural Lands Summary Report
  - Bryan Nipe presented the feedback he and Joe Abel received from the Board of County Commissioners whom they met with individually. The consensus is that now is not the time to move forward with acquisition of property unless it is the right property at the right price. Much discussion followed.
  - Mark Brandenburg advised that based on the response from the BCC the Natural Lands Sub-Committee will be going out to the Thomas property to evaluate it. The rest of the properties they had hoped to evaluate will receive a desktop review. Discussion followed.
- **Other Sub-Committees**
  - Mr. Goff asked members to sign up for the sub-committees and handed out more signup sheets.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mike Williams requested to know the status of the **Boater Improvement Program grants**. Mr. Nipe advised that they are going before the BCC at the next meeting, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- There was a question regarding when the **membership changes** would go before the BCC. Mr. Abel advised at the last meeting next month, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.
- The status of the **Purple Heart Trail** was requested. Mr. Nipe informed that Col. Ramsey has been out of the country and they will be meeting next week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Joe Abel distributed a handout giving an overview of the process to achieve **National Agency Accreditation** and reviewed it. Discussion followed.
- Ms. Thompson announced that Mr. Abel was one of two people nominated to be the next president of the National Recreation and Parks Association. Elections will be July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None.

Bob Goff adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.