

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE/NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING August 24, 2011**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Barbara Whittier

Staff:

Jim Duby, Sherry Williams
Lori Hartsock, Bryan Nipe

Guests:

Lowman Oliver, Faye Henderson
Betty Ariza

LOCATION:

Geneva Wilderness Area

TIME:

8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. at the Geneva Wilderness Area (GWA) and the minutes for June 2011 were approved.

Mark discussed the attendance at the subcommittee meetings. He noted that some members have conflicts with work schedules. He suggested that they try to bring on at least one more member. He asked the subcommittee to let him know of anyone they thought would be interested in joining the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Brandenburg led a discussion on the possibility of additional trails at Wilson's Landing Park. Jim presented an aerial map and described the issue of access to the parcels to the south and the physical conditions of the habitat. The subdivision and private property owners have legal access which blocks the continuity of the County property. It was agreed that this project would be looked into and possibly addressed through the Countywide Recreation Master Plan.

Bryan led a discussion on possible new signs on State Road 46 to improve awareness of Wilson's Landing Park. Sherry will follow up with Bill Pandos and or FDOT.

The next item discussed were the recent Natural Land Applications for two parcels (Henderson and Dixon) totaling app. 13 acres. The committee heard from owners Mr. Lowman Oliver and Faye Henderson who were joined by their Realtor Betty Ariza. The group then traveled to the site adjacent to Geneva Wilderness Area and the Little Big Econ State Forest. The site contains a variety of habitats including sand pine scrub, bay swamp and mesic flatwoods. Species observed included *Garberia*, Loblolly Bay, Gopher Tortoise, Corn snake and Ring-necked snake (wrestled into submission by Bryan Nipe). The committee then met back at EYNC and ranked the site through the standard criteria. The final ranking was 54.5.

Sherry announced the award of the Land Water and Conservation Grant for 200k for the Black Bear Wilderness Area and the need for an archeological survey.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Bryan gave an update on the process for the FYCCN/Seminole County Youth Conservation Center. A revised MOU is currently being reviewed by the County Attorney's Office and will be presented to the BCC once finalized. It was agreed that at the next meeting the committee would take into consideration the FYCCN criteria and assess all county lands as possible sites for this endeavor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Next month's meeting will be held at Sylvan Lake Park