

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
May 23, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Tom Boyko, Chuck Drago, Jeff Ebbers, Bob Goff, Don Nicholas, Trish Walden and Barbara Whittier.

**Members Absent:** Wes Borgman, Bryan Kirby, Mike Martin, Emilio Perez, Bob Steenson, Ben Tucker, and Mike Williams.

**Staff Present:** Joe Abel, Leisure Services Director  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

**Guests:** Marc Hultin, City of Sanford  
Mark Brandenburg, St. Johns River Water Management Dist.

**LOCATION:** Softball Complex  
2200 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.

**Opening Ceremonies:** The Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goff asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **April minutes**. Tom Boyko made a **motion to approve** the April minutes as submitted, Trish Walden seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Marc Hultin from the City of Sanford was introduced. He reviewed the City's needs at their Veteran's Memorial Park and their application for **Boater Improvement Program** funding for improvements to that park. Discussion followed. Trish Walden made a **motion** to recommend that the Board Of County Commissions approve 50 percent of the allowable funds from the Boater Improvement Program for the City of Sanford's application for Boater Improvement funds toward their Veteran's Memorial Park. Don Nicholas seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The **motion** passed unanimously.

**County Commission Summary Report**

- Mr. Boyko reported that on May 8<sup>th</sup> the BCC approved softball and soccer agreement to be executed.
- Mr. Boyko reported that on May 23<sup>rd</sup> the BCC approved an agreement with the School Board for Midway Elementary to be used as a community center. The BCC also approved a budget amendment for the replacement of the lightning protection systems at Red Bug Lake and Sylvan Lake Parks. Discussion followed.

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- Mr. Boyko requested information about the Parks & Preservation Master Plan being pulled from the April 10<sup>th</sup> BCC agenda. Mr. Abel replied. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Boyko asked about the flag football issue at Sylvan. Mr. Abel addressed.
- Mr. Abel gave an update on Big Tree Park status.
- Mr. Abel gave an update on the Centennial Celebration.
- Mr. Abel gave an update on the Yankee Lake and Lake Mary properties.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- **St. Johns River Water Management District Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff introduced Mark Brandenburg. Mr. Goff requested Mr. Brandenburg give a report. Mr. Brandenburg expounded on his responsibilities at SJRWMD.
- **Natural Lands Subcommittee**
  - Ms. Whittier reported that the Miller Legg contract for improvements to the Black Bear, Geneva and Lake Harney Wilderness Areas will be presented to the BCC on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ms. Whittier reported that they are looking for potential marketing strategies and developing sponsorship packets for school field trips to the wilderness areas. Discussion followed.
- **Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff reported that the Subcommittee has met with Altamonte Springs, Longwood and Winter Springs regarding trails and trail links. He pointed out a need in Forest City for trail connections near the University and Nursing School and suggested the Maitland Commerce Center. He also reported that the Kewannee Trail could connect at Lake of the Woods and Howell Branch Road.
  - Bill Carpenter will be at the next Trails meeting.
- **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee**
  - Mr. Goff reported that Dr. Tina Calderone spoke to the Subcommittee reviewing what she is doing. Discussion followed.
- **501c3 Foundation Subcommittee**
  - Ms. Whittier reported that the Subcommittee will meet next month to review applications, establish and move forward with paperwork to the State to establish a foundation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Master Plan**
  - Mr. Abel requested to give an in depth presentation at the June meeting.
- **Discuss Bid Process**
  - Mr. Abel gave a review of the County bid process. Discussion followed
- **Brief Discussion on the Process & Timeline For BCC Agendas**
  - Mr. Abel reviewed the process for getting items on the BCC agenda. Discussion followed.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Boar's Nest Status**
  - Jim Duby is having regular conversations with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. They are working jointly to accommodate programming of Natural Lands classes. Discussion followed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Boyko requested to know if Leisure Services incurred any losses during the budget process. Mr. Abel reported they did not. Discussion followed.

Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.