

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING July 25, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:**

Tom Boyko, Barbara Whittier, Trish Walden

**Staff:**

Jim Duby, Richard Durr, Sherry Williams

**Guests:**

Neil Garlock (Employee Academy), Jim Partin Land owner, Robin Kesler Realtor

**LOCATION:**

Geneva Wilderness Area  
Bell and Partin parcels

**TIME:**

8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and the minutes for the June 27, 2012 were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Introductions of staff and visitor. Barbara asked Jim to introduce and discuss the Bell parcel for which a Natural Land application has been received. Jim stated that the parcel was 298 acres located on Mullet Lake and adjacent to County owned land on three sides. He also pointed out that the realtor had stated that there was a second 2 acre parcel with a residence that was also available and the adjacent 270 acre Partin parcel on the south was also available.

The group then traveled to the site and were met by Robin Kesler and Mr. Jim Partin. The group toured both parcels viewing the various habitats including, lakefront, oak scrub, pine flatwoods etc...The 2 acre residence within the Bell parcel was viewed from the outside only. Two other older, cracker style residences were observed that may or may not have historical significance.

The committee then traveled back to the Nature Center to complete the ranking process. Trish Walden abstained from this process because the realty firm she works for is representing the Bell parcel. The Bell parcel received a total score of 46 due in large part to high connectedness and manageability values. Although an application is still pending on the Partin parcel it was decided to proceed with a ranking while the site visit was still fresh in the group's memory. The Partin parcel received a total score of 36 with slightly lower scores in completeness, connectedness and manageability. The group then discussed their recommendation for the properties. It was agreed that the Bell parcel's connectedness, manageability, diversity and nature oriented human use potential warranted further consideration for acquisition. The group also agreed that only if and when the Bell parcel is acquired should the Partin parcel receive any further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.