

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
July 24, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Tom Boyko, Bob Goff, Bill James, Mike Martin, Charles Sloan, Bob Steenson and Barbara Whittier.

**Members Absent:** Chuck Drago, Jeff Ebbers, Ed Ghiglieri, Bryan Kirby, John May, Don Nicholas and Mike Williams.

**Staff Present:** Joseph R. Abel, Leisure Services Director  
Steve Waring, Parks & Recreation Manager  
Rick Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager  
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant  
Grant Wenrick, Parks & Trails Coordinator

**LOCATION:** Softball Complex  
2200 North Street  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**TIME:** Chairman Bob Goff called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There is a quorum in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goff asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **June minutes**. Tom Boyko made a **motion** to approve the minutes as submitted. Charles Sloan seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

**COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT**

- Mr. Boyko reported that at the July 23, 2013 Commission meeting:
  - The Board approved and authorized the Chairman to execute a sublease agreement with the Galileo School Foundation at the Midway Community Center.
  - The Board approved and authorized the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Florida Half Century Senior Softball Association for a tournament to be held at the Seminole County Softball Complex and the City of Altamonte Springs' Merrill Park.
  - The Board approved and authorized the Chairman to execute a Budget Amendment Request for the purchase and installation of a lightning prediction system at Soldiers Creek Park.
- Mr. Waring expounded on the above as needed.

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Mr. Durr gave an update on the new Sports Complex.

Mr. Boyko spoke regarding a 10 year project to clean up the Wekiva River.

Mr. Durr introduced the new Parks & Trails Coordinator, Grant Wenrick. A brief bio was given.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report

- Ms. Whittier reported there was no meeting and there is no report.

Trails, Blueways and Bike Paths Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Goff reported that the subcommittee has decided to pursue maps that reflect restrooms, water stops, etc. at the request of the bicycle shop owners. The bicycle shop owners also wanted a website that reflected the trails. Mr. Goff has purchased a website [seminoletrails.info](http://seminoletrails.info) for this purpose and it will reflect County and city information. Once developed it can be a link on the Seminole County website. Much discussion followed.

Parks & Recreation Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Goff reported that the Parks Subcommittee did not meet this month so no report.

Membership & Growth Subcommittee Report

- Mr. Martin reported that the vacant position has been filled by Greg Teagarden. He was invited to tonight's meeting but he was under the weather. Mr. Martin said he has received a list of those who have advised the BCC of their interest in being the committee. Mr. Goff requested names of other people who would be interested and encourage them to let the BCC know of their interest. Mr. Martin spoke with Mr. Waring and Mr. Durr but they currently have no names to consider. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Passive Environmental Park at Black Hammock on Lake Jesup** – Mr. Goff reported that at the last Board of Adjustment meeting there was discussion of a passive environmental park at Black Hammock on Lake Jesup. A Board member asked staff if this had been discussed with Leisure Services staff and was told they had never thought about that. Mr. Goff wanted to know from the PPAC members if it is appropriate for the Planning Dept. to ask staff for Leisure Services staff recommendation at the very beginning and opened the floor to discussion. Mr. Boyko requested to know if this park is to be public or private. Mr. Goff confirmed it is private. Much discussion followed. Mike Martin made a **motion** to recommend to the BCC that any items coming forward that are associated to parks, recreation, natural lands or trails within Seminole County be

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presented to Leisure Services staff for comment. Bill James seconded the motion. The vote was six ayes and one nay (Tom Boyko). Chairman Bob Goff will prepare the letter to be sent to the BCC.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Master Plan Status** – Mr. Abel gave an update on the Master Plan and that his goal is for it to be cleaned up and to the BCC in August. Discussion followed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Boyko requested to know what Mr. Goff's goals are for the PPAC in the next five months. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Goff clarified that David Johnson will be the guest speaker in September.

There was no other business. Mr. Goff adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.