

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING November 6, 2013**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Tom Boyko, Barbara Whittier

Staff:

Jim Duby

LOCATION:

Geneva Wilderness Area

TIME:

8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and the minutes for the September meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Youth Conservation Center – Jim Duby stated that he met with Johnny Edwards from the Environmental Services Dept. on site to review the app. 400 acres to be transferred into the Natural Lands Program. The purpose was to justify the area as the most appropriate area for the center. Jim stated he is still awaiting final acceptance but may need to set up another meeting with department staff to discuss any concerns. Jim also stated that the County was receiving a donation of an app. 80 acre parcel to the south of Mullet Lake Park and that he, Rick Durr and Joe Abel would be taking another look at the adjacent Bell parcel which the committee had already reviewed. Acquisition of these parcels would provide complete ownership around Mullet Lake and may provide more desirable access and opportunities for the center development. Jim will update the committee as to whether an additional review of the Bell parcel will be necessary.

Natural Lands Enhancement Projects Update – Jim let the group know that the contract for Shoemaker Const. as well as the related BAR is on the BCC agenda for November 19, 2013. Also on the agenda is a BAR for a tortoise habitat restoration grant for \$15,000 that Sherry applied for and received for the Lake Proctor Wilderness Area.

Website Changes – The committee decided they would hold off on any review until after in-house efforts had been accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS

New NL Applications – Jim initiated discussion on 3 parcels along State Rd 46, Prevatt Rd. and Lake Harney, that the committee had received applications on. The committee reviewed and discussed prior review/ranking of some of these parcels many years ago. They stated the fact that all are 100% flood prone and 80-90% wetlands makes it very unlikely that the sites are very vulnerable to development. They also thought the limited funds left in the program would be better used for the FYCCN center than the acquisition of these parcels. For these reasons they did not recommend a site visit or further consideration of these sites.

The next meeting will be held December 4, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Nature Center. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.