

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 23, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Matt Criswell, Jeff Ebbers, Ed Ghiglieri, David Moss, Barbara Whittier and David Williamson.

Members Absent: Robert Bowden, Jim Buck, Susie Dolan, Mike Martin, Lee Ricci, Jim Vickaryous and Jay Zembower.

Guests: Deputy Pete Brewer, SCSO

Staff Present: Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Shorty Robbins, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

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

TIME: Chairman Tom Boyko called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There is a quorum in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Boyko introduced returning member, Mark Brandenburg, who gave a brief bio of himself.

Danny Trosset from Tourism was introduced and asked to address tourism in Seminole County. Mr. Trosset gave a brief background of the Convention & Visitors Bureau and informed that the bed tax is currently up. The rebranding of Seminole County to "Orlando North Seminole County" for trade show purposes was discussed. He then showed a test video for the new Sports Complex. Mr. Trosset welcomed members of the Committee to review the 'VisitSeminole' website and provide feedback. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Boyko asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the August minutes. Matt Criswell made a motion to accept the **August minutes** as presented. Ed Ghiglieri seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

- Mr. Boyko reported on the recent Board of County Commission meetings as they pertained to the Leisure Services Parks and Preservation. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Durr and Ms. Robbins followed up as necessary.

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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Ms. Whittier reported they meet this morning at Geneva Wilderness Area. Then they took a mud walk out to the new observation tower under construction at Lake Harney Wilderness Area.
- She advised that the Black Bear W.A. is being closed again while FPL installs a new transmission tower. This is expected to take 4 months.
- Ms. Whittier let the Committee know that she would like to ask the Foundation for one million dollars to reconstruct boardwalks in the Spring Hammock Preserve.
- She announced that a 20 hours per week internship is being established for Natural Lands in the 2015-16 fiscal year. Discussion followed.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Deputy Brewer reported that Grant Wenrick gave an update on the Cameron Wight and C.S. Lee boat ramps.
- Engineering also gave updates.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Criswell reported that the Subcommittee met Sept. 16th at Red Bug Lake Park and toured the park.
- A canoe & kayak launch on Red Bug Lake was discussed as well as sand volleyball courts.
- Red Bug Lake Park needs and wants were discussed including the possible purchase of three pieces of property behind the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tourism already gave presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None

Mr. Boyko adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.