

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2015**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Tom Boyko, Barbara Whittier, David Williamson, Jeff Ebbers, Ed Ghiglieri, Lee Ricci

Staff:

Jim Duby

LOCATION:

Geneva Wilderness Area

TIME:

8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center, Geneva Wilderness Area. The minutes from the September 2015 and October 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved with the correction that Ed Ghiglieri was in attendance at the October 2015 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Natural Lands Program 25th Anniversary Celebration Re-cap –

Jim gave a summary of the event including what staff thought worked well and what they would change for future events. The variety of activities such as horse drawn wagon rides, fishing and bird of prey demonstration was a big positive for the visitors. The marketing on social media was a big plus however, no advertisement on the County or Natural Lands website was a missed opportunity. The event layout was too spread out and the temperatures were unseasonably hot! Staff was appreciative that three County Commissioners attended and help kick off the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

December and future meeting/s – The group agreed that they would not meet in December and that future meetings would be the Friday before the Wed. PPAC meetings. The next meeting will be Friday January 22, 2016.

Field Trip to Lake Harney W.A. Observation Tower – The group traveled to the LHWA to see the completed project. All were very impressed and complimented the project. Several ideas were discussed including the possibility of view finders and programmed events to watch rocket launches from the Space Center. Jim also mentioned that the NLP is planning a Birds and Bagels event next spring which would include a hike and coffee and bagels at the tower!

Other business – Jim Duby mentioned the FPL transmission line that was being constructed at the **BBWA** and that the County had arranged with FPL to not close the trails for 4 months but to provide adequate signage and only close the trail when absolutely necessary.

Meeting adjourned at app. 9:30 a.m.