

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 22, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Mark Brandenburg, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, Susie Dolan, Jeff Ebbers, Jennifer Fillmon, Bryce Gibson, Craig Sturla and Jason Sutton.

Members Absent: Robert Bowden, Fonda Cerenzio, Ed Ghiglieri, David Moss and David Williamson.

Guests: None

Staff Present: Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Jeff Caldwell, Parks & Recreation Manager
Joe Abel, Leisure Services Director
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

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

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Criswell introduced the new member, Bryce Gibson, who shared about his background.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Criswell asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **January minutes**. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion to accept** the January minutes as presented. Jeff Ebbers seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Williamson was not able to be present so Mr. Criswell reported that they did not meet in March but will be meeting April 21st, 8:00 a.m. at the Chuluota W.A.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Brandenburg reported that they met last week. The **Lake Monroe Loop** design is 30 percent complete for the Seminole County portion. He gave an update on the **CST missing link**.
- Mr. Brandenburg advised that there are funds available to start looking at the possibility of a **bridge or tunnel on the Seminole Wekiva Trail at State Road 436**. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion** asking Richard Durr and/or Joseph Abel to request Public Works Engineering **move forward** with starting a design and ultimate construction of

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either a bridge or a tunnel on the SWT at 436, whichever is the most appropriate. Discussion followed. Jeff Ebbers seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

- Mr. Brandenburg reported that the **blueways website** is still on hold since the County website is still on hold. Mr. Abel informed that the County is in the process of hiring a webmaster to manage the County website.
- Mr. Brandenburg shared that the March meeting had two guests: Jason Lampitt and Mitch Greenburg from the local SORBA chapter. They expressed a desire to develop a mountain bike skills area somewhere at the Markham Trailhead that they will fund and maintain. Discussion followed. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion for Richard Durr and/or Joseph Abel to have discussions with SORBA members about the possibility of developing a mountain bike skills area at the Markham Trailhead.** There was more discussion. Jeff Ebbers seconded the motion. Discussion continued. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Criswell informed that they met this month at Soldiers Creek Park. He then gave an update on the **canoe concession at Wilson's Landing Park.** They also discussed ways to get more members involved in this subcommittee.
- The members then **toured Soldiers Creek Park** which is about 85% complete.
- Mr. Caldwell announced that the Soldiers Creek Park Grand Opening will be May 17th and announcements should be going out soon.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

- Ms. Dolan reported that there was nothing to report.
- Mr. Abel confirmed that Leisure Services has been very quiet recently.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Durr gave updates on the **Natural Lands Master Plan, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Rolling Hills Golf Course.** Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Seminole County Wall of Fame Project was tabled until May.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- No other business was brought to the table.

Mr. Criswell announced that the next meeting will be May 24th and he adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.