

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
July 26, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Robert Bowden, Mark Brandenburg, Matt Criswell, Susie Dolan, Jennifer Fillmon, Ed Ghiglieri, Bryce Gibson, Kimberlee Riley, Craig Sturla and Jason Sutton.

**Members Absent:** Dudley Bates, Jim Buck, Jeff Ebbers, David Moss and David Williamson.

**Guests:** Chris Smith and Robert Beall from the City of Sanford.

**Staff Present:** Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager  
Joseph R. Abel, Leisure Services Dept. 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 6:35 p.m. There is a quorum in attendance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Criswell asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the **May minutes**. Robert Bowden made a **motion to accept** the May minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and **passed** unanimously.

**Boating Improvement Program Grant Application Presentation:**

Chris Smith and Robert Beall with the City of Sanford presented their application for BIP funds to continue the improvements at the Sanford Marina on Lake Monroe. Discussion followed. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion** to award up to 50% of the funds Seminole County receives from the State of Florida for the current fiscal year to the City of Sanford. Susie Dolan seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

**COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:**

Ms. Dolan reported on the recent Board of County Commission meetings as they pertained to Leisure Services Parks and Preservation. Mr. Durr and Mr. Abel gave additional information.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:**

- Mr. Williamson was absent and there was no report.

**Trails Subcommittee Report:**

- Mr. Brandenburg gave an update on the Cross Seminole Trail **missing link**.
- The subcommittee met last month to work on **prioritizing trail projects**. Mr. Durr gave a presentation reflecting the results. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion** that the Committee recommend Leisure Services staff transmit to Public Works Engineering the

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prioritized list of projects and move forward with the design for bridges at State Roads 436 and 434 as the top priorities. Suzie Dolan seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion **passed** unanimously. Mr. Brandenburg thanked Mr. Sutton for all his efforts compiling information for the report.

**Parks Subcommittee Report:**

- Mr. Criswell requested Mr. Durr give an update on **Wilson's Landing Park**.
- Mr. Criswell gave an update on the mounds at the Sports Complex. Soldiers Creek Park needs to get water off the fields faster. The Department is requesting in the new budget two new positions at the Sports Complex and the Museum Coordinator position to be upgraded from a part-time position to a full-time position. The Parks Division is working with the School Board on a partnership for student volunteer opportunities. The Parks are getting new software. There is an excellent promotional video about Soldiers Creek Park.
- Mr. Criswell advised that the owners of **property behind Red Bug Lake Park** have approached the County about selling the property. The County had the property appraised. Options are being discussed. Matt Criswell made a **motion** that the Board of County Commissioners allow Leisure Services staff to pursue acquisition and consider funding for the purchase of the 10.7 acers of property adjacent to Red Bug Lake Park. Bryce Gibson seconded the motion. There was further discussion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Gibson requested the status of Rolling Hills. Mr. Durr and Mr. Abel provided current information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Abel presented two concept plans for a Wall of Fame to be located at the Sports Complex.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Abel pointed out that the Department 2015/2016 Community Impact Report was distributed for their review.
- There was no further business brought forth.

Mr. Criswell adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.