

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
September 18, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Mark Brandenburg, Jim Buck, Ed Ghiglieri, Bryce Gibson, Emily Hanna, Jason Sutton, David Williamson and Grey Wilson.

**Members Absent:** Pasha Baker, Robert Bowden, Tom Boyko, Victoria Colangelo, Nancy Dunn, Reid Hilliard and L. A. Key.

**Guest:** Jenn Durr

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

**LOCATION:** Soldiers Creek Park  
2400 State Road 419, Longwood, FL 32750

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Brandenburg asked if there are any feedback regarding the **July minutes**. Mr. Williamson pointed out a grammatical error. Grey Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. David Williamson seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

**COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:**

Mr. Brandenburg requested an update from staff. Mr. Durr gave a brief update regarding BCC agenda items since the last meeting.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:**

- Mr. Williamson reported that last month they met at Black Hammock Wilderness Area. There were UCF students researching ant colonies.
- The next meeting will be on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at Geneva W. A.
- Mr. Durr reviewed improvements that have been made at Geneva W.A.

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**Trails** Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Brandenburg advised that the last two meetings had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting will be in October.

**Parks** Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Sutton reported that they haven't been meeting but he has met with the Rolling Hills Advisory Group and they seem to be pleased with how things are progressing.

**Subcommittee Membership Discussion –**

- Mr. Brandenburg expressed the importance of the subcommittees thus the need for PPAC members to attend subcommittee meetings along with the potential of assigning members to subcommittees if members did not volunteer. Ms. Hanna suggested allowing conference call meetings. Mr. Brandenburg expressed concerns with the potential for distractions due to multitasking. Staff will compile list of who has attended which meetings. Mr. Durr suggested PPAC meet in October and re-address the issue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Durr advised that staff met with the **Rolling Hills** neighborhood and gave a brief update regarding the Rolling Hills project. He further reported that the BCC voted to demolish the club house. The neighborhood seemed happy with that decision.
- **Budget Recap** – Mr. Durr reviewed the decisions from the multiple budget workshops. Everything and more has been approved.
- **Referendum** – a potential Natural Lands/Parks referendum was discussed at length including the role of the PPAC, the various subcommittees and the proposed Technical Advisory Committee being appointed by the BCC. A proposed timeline was discussed regarding events to happen between now and the November 2020 election. It was determined an October meeting would be held. Mr. Durr will try to have a consultant at the October meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Durr advised there is to be an Ethics meeting soon with the County Attorney to clarify advocacy.

Mr. Brandenburg adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.