

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 27, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Robert Bowden, Mark Brandenburg, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, Jeff Ebbers, Jennifer Fillmon, Bryce Gibson, Craig Sturla, Jason Sutton and David Williamson.

Members Absent: Susie Dolan, Nancy Dunn, Ed Ghiglieri, David Moss and Kimberlee Riley.

Staff Present: Jeff Caldwell, Parks & Recreation Manager
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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

Mr. Criswell asked Mr. Caldwell to report on the recent Board of County Commission meetings as they pertained to Leisure Services Parks and Preservation.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Williamson reported that this month's meeting had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. He reviewed the current status of the wilderness areas post hurricane. He also announced that Saturday, September 30th, is National Public Lands Day and there will be a free hike at Lake Harney W.A.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Brandenburg reported that County staff were unable to attend the meeting. The County staff have provided Public Works Engineering with the Trails priority list. The Seminole Wekiva Trail extension at State Roads 434 and 436 is under construction. The Cross Seminole Trail missing link is getting closer to start completion. The widening of SR 434 in Winter Springs offers the potential for a Cross Seminole Trail tunnel or overpass. There was discussion of meeting with other counties regarding connecting the trails.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

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- Mr. Criswell reported that they did not meet in September.
- Mr. Caldwell reported that the active parks reopened on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, after Hurricane Irma with minimal damage. The budget approved two new positions at the Sports Complex. The new software for Parks with online registration is due to go online January 1, 2018. The active parks have been set up with temporary mosquito spray stations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Gibson reported that he had to reschedule a meeting with Comm. Dallari and will provide a report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Brandenburg started a discussion about **Little Free Libraries**. They are small kiosk type places out of doors where books are available for free such as the one already located at Red Bug Lake Park. People take and drop off books. There was much discussion. Mark Brandenburg made a **motion** that the Parks and Preservation Advisory Committee recommend that the Leisure Services staff explore options for addition Little Free Libraries. David Williamson seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- Mr. Criswell announced that the next scheduled meeting would be the day before Thanksgiving and suggested it be moved to either Nov. 15th or 29th. The majority supported the 29th. There was discussion of a different location. The majority requested Soldiers Creek Park. Staff will check the availability of the meeting room at Soldiers Creek and reserve it for Nov. 29th if available. Mr. Bowden requested a dry erase board be made available at the future meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There was discussion about the County website.
- Mr. Caldwell reported that Paradise Marketing was awarded a marketing & advertising contract and Evok was awarded the social media part of the solicitation at yesterday's BCC meeting.
- Mr. Sturla requested a status on Rolling Hills. Mr. Caldwell provided the status.

Mr. Criswell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.