

**SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID RECREATION COMMITTEE
MAY 24, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Horace Durrance called the special meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Recreation Committee to order on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Horace Durrance
Vice Chairman Donald Bates
George Hill
Linda Veley

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Public Works Director Jim Fulton
Town Planner – Jim Polatty and Don Hanna
Mayor Tom Katsanis

ABSENT:

Jon Million
Carol Delynko

DISCUSSION ON NEW FACILITY:

- A. Jim Polatty & Don Hanna – Highlands County/Town of Lake Placid Planners – Mr. Polatty informed the Committee a company called the Silver Company was building a development on property adjacent to the Town's Lake June Park Ball Fields. He stated the development would consist of an age-restricted development which will consist of 243 single family attached units, 639 single family detached units, and 288 condominium units for a total of 1,170 dwelling units. This means that there is no more property for the Town to purchase for the expansion of the ball fields. It also means much more traffic congestion on Tangerine.

Mr. Polatty stated homes and condominiums will be built next to the park. Therefore, the Town should consider getting some type of release from the homeowners for the lightning on the fields that will be affecting them.

Mr. Polatty further stated the Town of Lake Placid's Growth Management Committee had suggested a road from West Interlake through the Park. He stated the Growth Management was suggesting the Town look into trading the last

property purchased for the fields for a section north of the fields. This would allow the proposed road to go through the park to Heartland Boulevard. Mrs. Veley stated she was very concerned about the traffic congestion and all the children that use the park.

After much discussion, the Committee instructed Mr. Fulton to proceed with the engineering and building of the new facility. The Committee stated they did not want to lose the money (\$400,000.00) from the State. They stated they had been working on the plans for two years and did not feel they should “drop the ball” now.

Mr. Fulton was instructed to inform Chastian & Skillman to proceed immediately with securing permits to start the construction of the fields.

- B. Mr. Fulton informed the Committee he needed to place two playground areas in the park and wanted them to decide where they wanted them. The Committee decided to place one playground area on the east side of the existing playground area next to the pavilions and the second playground east of the new concession stand (north of the soccer field, next to the parking area.)

Chairman Durrance stated he felt whenever Mr. Polatty was able to get the reports for the proposed large scale comprehensive plans the Committee should meet again to review them. Chairman Durrance asked that we set June 7, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. as a proposed date for the meeting.

Mr. Hill made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Bates. Chairman Durrance hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.