

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

Chairman Horace Durrance called the special meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Recreation Committee to order on Wednesday, June 7, 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 Planners Jim Polatty & Sue BuChans

ABSENT:

Jon Million
Carol Delynko

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Veley made a motion the minutes for the April 12, 2006 and May 24, 2006 meetings be approved as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Bates. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON NEW FACILITY:

- A. Jim Polatty – Town Planner – Mr. Polatty explained to the Committee the Silver Company is in negotiations to purchase all the property around the Lake June Ball Fields. He also informed the Committee the Growth Management Committee was looking into huge transportation problems from Catfish Creek Road to West Interlake Boulevard and from West Interlake Boulevard to Tangerine.

The Recreation Committee was concerned about so much traffic around the Lake June Ballfields and also that the Town wants an easement, requiring property to be deleted on the west side of Tangerine. They thought this might eliminate space for the soccer fields. Mr. Richard Trembley, representing the Silver Company, stated Ron Cauthen of Chastian & Skillman, is looking into redesigning the ball field plans to see if the soccer fields can be saved. Mr. Cauthen is the person who designed the new Lake June Ball Field complex for the Recreation Committee.

One suggestion from Chairman Durrance was for the Silver Company to give the property on the corner of West Interlake Boulevard and Tangerine to the Town and the Town rebuild the fields there, saving the lakefront property for the Town. Mr. Trembley stated the Silver Company would be willing to consider a swap.

Another suggestion from a citizen, Carolyn Phypers, was to purchase property on the south side of West Interlake Boulevard for the younger players and leave the present fields for the adults.

Committee Member George Hill voiced his concerns that the Town will lose the funds acquired by the State for developing the park.

Committee Member Donald Bates made a motion that the Recreation Committee recommend to the Town Council that Lake June Ball Fields be developed as planned on its present site, recommend that a determination be made concerning the adequacy of the present size relative to future needs, and that the conclusion of the study to become a basis for requests from developers for additional land at the present site; motion seconded by Mrs. Veley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

The Committee appointed Mrs. Veley to do a study on how much property is needed per acre per citizen. The Committee will meet again on June 15, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. at Town Hall, to review Mrs. Veley's findings and come up with a recommendation to the Town Council on June 26, 2006.

Mr. Hill made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Mrs. Veley. Chairman Durrance hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.