

**TOWN OF MALABAR
AGENDA – PARK & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**

February 21st, 2007 @ 7:30 P.M.

**Town of Malabar
Council Chambers**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – PRAYER & PLEDGE

ROLL-CALL OF MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: January 17th, 2007

ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

Trail Access by Unauthorized Vehicles

FRDAP Grant Update

Primitive Camping Study – Vickie Thomas

Compost Toilet Study – Bob Siegmann

Reinstatement of Trails and Greenways

Fence by Ball Field

Necessity for Doggie Dispensers at Park

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

If any individual decides to appeal any decision made by this Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required and the individual may need to insure that a verbatim transcript of the proceeding is made (FS 286.0105). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting should contact the Towns ADA coordinator at 727-7764 at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

**MALABAR PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2007**

The meeting of the Malabar Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held at Malabar Town Hall, 2725 Malabar Road on this date. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Hans Kemmler, who led with the Prayer and Pledge.

CHAIRMAN:

Hans Kemmler - present

BOARD MEMBERS:

Dick Korn – present

Bill Withers – present

Bob Siegmann – excused

Vickie Thomas - present

1ST ALTERNATE – Josh Treadwell - present

2ND ALTERNATE – Scott Pollard - excused

STAFF:

Sharon White, Recording Secretary – present

Approval of Park Board Minutes from January 17, 2007.

Motion: Withers/Korn made motion to approve the January 17th, 2007 minutes as amended/corrected/submitted.

Vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mary Hofmeister, from 2240 Corey Road, Malabar, Fla., President of the Malabar Soccer League and Todd Cook, from 914 SE Husted Ave. Palm Bay, Fla., Treasurer of the Malabar Soccer League came forward to announce that the contract for this year has been signed. They are supported by the Florida Youth Soccer Association and have insurance through this organization. They invited everyone to come out to their games and handed out their schedule for the year. They presently have 115 children signed up and are traveling and competing against other teams. They only have one large field to use at the present time and are looking for U10 and U12 size soccer fields. They need more fields to play all age levels on. Mary will get dimensions of the field sizes and how much room around the field that they need so that the Park Board may possibly assist in finding more fields to play on. It was suggested that the League look at the area north of Huggins Park for a soccer field. Hans will investigate where the land came from in this area. This will be a discussion item at our next Park Board Meeting.

Mary also stated that parking has become a large problem also. She asked if the parking could be allowed near the playground, and was told that this could not be allowed since there are trees planted in this area. Bill Withers asked, of the 115 children signed up now,

how many of these children are Malabar residents? Mary stated that she would get this information to the board.

ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

Reinstatement of Trails and Greenways

Bob Wilbur from 2500 Glatter Road came and gave a short presentation on the Trails and Greenways Grant and what he thinks we should apply the grant toward. There is quite a bit of work to be done, but if we use our existing Sand Hill Trail Grant that we did in-house, and we extend that and enhance what we already have and add to it we could improve the hard surface of the trail coming down the west side of Marie St from the boundary canal trail that has just been completed to tie into the Trailhead on Marie St. The other thing we could apply for is a restroom at the Trailhead No. 1. Since the FRDAP grant was officially turned down we will go before Council and ask them for funds that we have in the Town to apply toward the grant. Mr. Wilbur said there still needs to be a trailhead put in at the north end of Corey, possibly some primitive camping areas for the scouts, fencing or equipment for trail maintenance. Mr. Withers stated that we have looked at a tractor (John Deere) which was about \$19,000. Bob Wilbur felt that we have time to apply for the grant this year.

Barbara Meyer, 6796 U.S. Highway #1, Grant/Valkaria, the Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Program Coordinator for the Brevard Metro Planning Organization and also the coordinator for the County Transportation Planning Dept. came to explain the Brevard Linear Trail. She represents the Brevard MPO. She discussed the direction of the Brevard Linear Trail. Palm Bay has paved their section up to Marie St. and they are working with the EEL's people to get the trail through the Jordan Scrubs and also in Valkaria to bring the trail through the Valkaria airport. Since Grant and Valkaria is now a town she plans on working with them for other ideas to get the trail through.

Dick Korn stated that at the last Council Meeting they voted to reinstate the Trails and Greenways either under the Park Board or directly under the Council and they will decide at the next Council Meeting whether to reinstate the trails and greenways as a committee so that people who are on other boards can serve on this committee.

Maury Hann –1365 Corey Road, Malabar, Florida, handed out a listing of grants that may be applicable to Malabar. They are trying to work with the EEL's people to try and make recommendations that are appropriate for good uses of the property for passive recreation. We need more multi-user trails which are hard surface paved trails. Hans was concerned whether we would have enough time to put this grant together properly by March 15th, 2007. His thoughts are, while he really wants to do anything he can to extend the trail, control of our right-of-way is probably the most important thing for our grant application. It might be better to come up with a simple project in Malabar and put in a grant for that.

Sue Hann – also from 1365 Corey Road, Malabar, Florida, came to the podium. In answer to Hans question about the grant and what we should apply for, she agreed that we should apply for something small that is on the right-of-way that we own since she does not believe that we will get permission from EEL's to put a grant on their property between now and March 15th. There are other grant opportunities, Palm Bay had a DOT Transportation Enhancement Grant to build the boundary canal trail, that amount was \$275,000 and it was awarded for fiscal year 2009 and they also received grant money through the DEP program and was awarded enough money to build the trail. So, there is \$275,000 in the DOT budget although they have no permission from Palm Bay to release this money. She talked with Mike Knight from EEL's to let him know that this money is available, and maybe it could be used for this paved trail. She stated that a meeting has been set up between the County and EEL's people with Maury and Sue Hann to discuss this.

Hans asked what would be the first chance we would have to bring this before Council, and it would be March 5th, 2007, which is only 11 days before the grant is due. He asked if we want to put energy into this, not knowing whether the Council would agree to put a portion of money toward the grant. It was agreed that a restroom at the Trailhead Park would be the best project to apply for at this time. Mr. Withers had already priced a restroom called "The Cortez", which is a smaller one with men and women's restrooms, and a storage room in the back. The only problem we might have is water. There is water at the Trailhead, but we may need a pump and a holding tank installed also.

Motion: Korn / Withers made motion for the Park & Recreation Advisory Board to propose a Resolution to support the action of encouraging the EEL's for their support and cooperation in the development of the trail along the north end of Marie St.

Vote: All Ayes

Hans stated that we are only going to have a meeting on March 6th if we decide whether we have time to put this grant together on time or not. We are going to tentatively plan on having a meeting on the 6th of March.

Motion: Withers / Thomas made a motion that we recommend to Council that the Trails and Greenways Committee be separate unto itself and not part of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Barbara Meyer stated that we have a window of opportunity since the MPO is updating their Bicycle & Pedestrian Trails Master Plan and they are going to the towns and cities to find out what their needs are and if we do get a committee together, to decide what we would like done in our town and it would be included in the MPO master plan and you then get more points on grant applications. More importantly, if there is work going on in the area and you have a document saying that your trail will cross Malabar Road then FDOT can be forced to do a proper trail crossing.

Motion: Withers / Korn made a motion to extend the meeting past 9:00 P.M.

Vote: All Ayes

Hans – to summarize, we are going to get together information for a restroom and we have a place for the new restroom where the port-a-john is in the Trailhead and we are going to try to find the old Sand Hill Grant.

Trail Access by Unauthorized Vehicles

Dick Korn, Sue Hann, Assistant City Manager of Palm Bay and the Public Works Director from Palm Bay met at the Town Hall with our Public Works Supervisor and our Interim Town Administrator to discuss unauthorized vehicles entering the trails. Dick shows where trail goes along top of Marie St. The new pedestrian bridge is actually not allowing cars across as previously thought. The culprit is the north end of Marie St and where the road goes out to Port Malabar Road. The cars are getting through in two different areas. Gates will be put across by Palm Bay and Malabar. They cannot get through at Briar Creek because there is a barrier there.

Signs may help to keep people driving in these areas.

FRDAP Grant Update

The FRDAP grant was officially declined by letter from the Department of Environmental Protection on November 30th, 2006.

Primitive Camping Study – Vickie Thomas

Vickie Thomas talked to people with the St. Sabastian National Park. We have considered putting primitive camping north of Corey road. The basic needs required for primitive camping are: trash-carry in and out, one gallon of water per person per day and food and water kept in hard sided containers to keep animals out. You must have fires controlled by fire rings. Compost toilets are not popular because they must be stirred constantly. It was suggested that if any primitive camping is being done, that they bring and set a port-a-potty by the gate. With most primitive camping there is no charge for use.

Mr. Withers suggested that we table this for discussion at our next meeting.

Compost Toilet Study – Bob Siegmann

Tabled until next meeting.

Wooden Fence by Ball Field

Motion: Withers / Treadwell made motion that we do not move the fence.

Vote: All Ayes

Necessity for Doggie Dispensers at Park

Dick Korn suggested putting three of these dispensers in the community park for dogs. Mr. Withers stated that there was only one pile found in the park. Almost everyone picks up after there dogs. He priced these dispensers. \$199 ea. for the poly and the bags are

\$9.95 for 200 bags. It would also require a 40 lb. bag of cement and we would need 10 or 11. He could not see a need to put them in the park. These will not be put in the park since at the present time there is no problem with dog waste in the park.

NEW BUSINESS AND OLD BUSINESS:

Old Business:

Mr. Withers would like to discuss the Disc Golf course at next months meeting.

Mr. Withers also stated that the board wanted to reconfigure the ball field to little league, but after that decision, Mr. Booth gave four months to the pony league people.

New Business: None

ADJOURN

MOTION: Withers/ Korn move to adjourn. VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Minutes approved on March 21st, 2007