

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

March 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: February 21st, 2007

PUBLIC INPUT

ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

Land for Soccer Fields

Trails & Greenway Grant Update

Reinstatement of Trails & Greenways

Linear Trail Extension to Trailhead #1

Volunteers for Trails & Greenway

Disc Golf Park

Primitive Camping Study – Vickie Thomas

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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**MALABAR PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 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 – attended at 8:00 P.M.

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 February 21st, 2007

Motion: Korn/Withers made motion to approve the February 21, 2007 minutes as amended/corrected/submitted.

The 4th page, last sentence on page, changed to “with dog waste in the park”.

Vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Vickie Thomas asked that “Primitive Camping Study” be deleted from the agenda, since it was discussed at the last meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

Land for Soccer Fields

Hans looked at Huggins Park for possible use of the north end for a soccer field. He found that too many things would have to be done before this could be used for a soccer field. A road would have to be built, and land cleared with grant money.

The board discussed various other locations to look at for a soccer field. Vickie Thomas said that she would look into the availability of the Gilmore Street property.

Hans stated that when the next developer comes in to build homes in Malabar, maybe we could ask them to make a soccer field park instead of paying Malabar recreation fees in lieu of land dedication.

Mr. & Mrs. Crews from 2480 Johnston Ave. Malabar congratulated the Park Board on their efforts and work done for our parks, and Mr. Withers for his outstanding care of the parks.

Mr. Crews stated that the county owns two parcels of land which they offered to Malabar years ago for recreational use, which at that time the Council, turned down. This land is near Valkaria Road where the road goes north into Malabar. He said he would talk to someone about the land being used for soccer fields.

Mrs. Crews stated that when we are looking for land for soccer fields we must consider the boundaries around the field and also consider parking. She felt that Huggins Park would not be suitable or large enough for this recreation.

Mr. Todd Cook from 914 Husted Ave., Palm Bay, who represents the Malabar Soccer Club wanted to thank the Park Board and Mr. Withers for the care of the grounds and the soccer field. The club already has 135 members and growing and over 75% of the players are Malabar residents. He appreciated the fact that we are working to find other fields for the club. Mr. Withers requested the size of the fields needed so that we can try to locate other areas for soccer play. Mr. Cook asked if it would be possible to hang banners for sponsors, and Mr. Withers stated that if they hung them only during the games and no bigger than 4' x 4' or 4' x 6' using good discretion as to what they hung up, it would be okay.

Mr. Withers stated that he called Steve Riser, the Director of Parks and Recreation of Palm Bay and asked what their operating budget was and Mr. Riser stated it was 5.1 million dollars, but they have no soccer fields; they use the outfields of their baseball fields.

Mr. Withers stated to Mr. Todd Cook that a gentleman came to line off the soccer fields and brought a large black dog with him. The dog ran loose and defecated in the park and it was not cleaned up and asked that Mr. Cook make sure this does not happen again.

Trails & Greenway Grant Update

Hans Kemmler wanted to address the Park Board concerning the FRDAP grant; He attended the Council Meeting on Monday night and gave an update on the FRDAP Grant to Council. He informed them that the grant was submitted on time and Murray and Sue Hann, and Bob Wilbur did a professional job of putting the grant together. In the process, Murray and Sue Hann spent a lot of their own money on this grant. Hanns stated that someone on the Park Board had suggested that some of the Council members may want to give some of their discretionary funds toward the effort of putting this grant together. Councilmen Brian Vail and Chuck McClelland each gave \$50.00 and Pat Dezman gave \$100.00

Mr. Withers stated that he made a motion to accept the grant package based on Mr. Hann's statement that it was not set in cement. Mr. Withers is not sure that he supports paving the pathways in the park. Mr. Korn stated that in order to further guarantee approval we have to show them that we are serious about making it ADA

accessible. It was stated that this will only bring in skateboarders. The only reason he approved this is that we do have the option of not paving all of this.

Reinstatement of Trails & Greenways

Mr. Kemmler asked the Council if the Trails and Greenways are going to be reinstated, and they said that right now it is in the lawyer’s hands to determine whether an individual can be on more than one board and still be legal. Mr. Korn stated that as long as it is called a “committee”, there should be no problem since a committee is not a board. .

Linear Trail Extension to Trailhead #1

Hans stated that he attended an EEL’s meeting and they were probably going to approve a paved path along Marie Street on EEL’s property and enter the Trailhead Park on the south end. They will use grant money that Palm Bay had left over.

Volunteers for Trails & Greenway

Mr. Kemmler stated that we will be looking for volunteers if they do decide to reinstatement the trails and greenways and was open to any suggestions on this.

Disc Golf Park

Mr. Withers asked if we had a letter of agreement for the disc golf park. We do not have a formal agreement, and he thinks we should have. Hans Kemmler stated that we do not have any formal organization that we can write a letter to. John Lynch is the only point of contact. Mr. Korn stated that we own the land, but we do not want to spend any money on this park, other than some time spent by public works Anyone can use the park. The parking lot was an issue at one point. Hans Kemmler suggested that we look at the front part of the parking lot to advise Council with ideas to make the front part of the park look better and how we can handle the parking better. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Vickie Thomas stated that many people do not know that it is a public park, so Hans suggested that at our next meeting maybe we should discuss putting up a sign to identify it as the Town’s park.

Primitive Camping Study – Vickie Thomas

Struck from agenda – Discussed at last meeting

NEW BUSINESS AND OLD BUSINESS:

Old Business:

Mr. Withers asked where we want to put the primitive camping in the Cameron Preserve. Mr. Withers stated that there isn’t any dry area to put primitive camping near the gate, where the port-a-john would have to be. No one knows where the camping should be placed. This will be a discussion item for our next meeting.

Mr. Withers asked if anyone knows what happened to the surveillance camera at the top of the fire station. There is only one there now. Hans will ask Chief Joe Gianantonio about this.

Bob Siegmann handed out brochures and a video on the use of Composting Toilets from the Endirolet Company.

New Business:

Vickie Thomas stated that the signs along the boundary trail that say "No Motor Vehicles" are missing. Hans stated that he would talk to the EEL's people about this.

ADJOURN

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

Approved on 4/18/07