

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

July 18th, 2007 @ 7:30 P.M.

**Town of Malabar
Council Chambers**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – PRAYER & PLEDGE

ROLL-CALL OF MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: June 20th, 2007

PUBLIC INPUT

ACTION :

Trailhead #1 Restroom

DISCUSSION:

Geocaching in Malabar

Sand Hill Trails Greenway Grant Denial

Formation of Trails and Greenway Committee

Cameron Preserve Trails Cleanup

Mowing of Parks – Taylor Maid Inc.

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ADJOURN

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**MALABAR PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 18th, 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 7:33 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 – present

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 June 20th 2007

Motion: Withers/Thomas made motion to approve the above minutes as amended/corrected/submitted.

Vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

ACTION :

Trailhead #1 Restroom

Kemmler – the Sandhill Trailways Grant was denied. The EEL's people are going forward with a paved trail on their property, with it connecting to our Trailhead Park. Brevard County is going to do the work. Korn – has anyone asked about using the utility companies easement for the trail. Kemmler – this is EEL's project and it was up to EEL's to investigate. I had intended for us to discuss and advise Council to buy the restroom with whatever funds they choose. Withers – the easements are not owned by the utility companies but they have the right to use them. Kemmler – I want everyone to make comments for any solutions for adding a \$70K to \$80K restroom to our Trailhead Park. Should we go to Council and advise them that we use the money from the developers and general fund? Korn – he suggest that we ask the Town Administrator for the status of the Oakmont Recreation Impact fees and also for Weber Woods impact fees. Hans will ask the Town Administrator these questions. Korn – Is there any other grants that we can apply for besides the general budget? Withers – we should just ask for an accounting and have them identify these projects and how much they contributed, and what is the current amount in that account. We have to consider that taxes are going to double in this town this year due to the MSTU. Kemmler – no one has suggested that we go to the Council and suggest that we pay for this restroom with Town money. Siegmann - we might want to

look into the cost of composting toilets. Treadwell – there is a lot of traffic at this park and I also think that \$80K is pretty steep for a restroom, but agree that it needs a restroom. Kemmler – If we table this until our next meeting we can come up with 3 options of cost. 1) composting toilets 2) revisit the cost of the \$80K restroom 3) 2 porta-potty toilets instead of having just 1. Korn – remember that the \$80K restroom included a well and water treatment facility to make the water potable.

MOTION: Withers/ Treadwell to table the options for a Trailhead Restroom until our next meeting.

Vote: All Ayes

DISCUSSION:

Geocaching in Malabar

Mr. Lynn Deffenbaugh from 521 Waterman Lane, Palm Bay spoke on Geocaching. He has put in a request to the Town of Malabar to place a geocache in Fern Creek Crossing Park. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt game that is worldwide. Containers are hidden in the woods and published on the internet website with GPS coordinates. You go out and look for this cache and if you find it, you sign and date the log inside. Deffenbaugh felt that this would be a great park for this. It cost the town nothing and does not impact the park in any way. Korn – Fern Creek Crossing Park has no parking area. There are other areas in Malabar. Deffenbaugh – in the official announcement of the cache, you will have 10 to 20 people spread over a 2 week period at the park. It's normally 1 or 2 people every 2 weeks looking for the cache. Kemmler – The Town Administrator asked for a list of other locations where this has been done. Deffenbaugh supplied this with his presentation. Deffenbaugh – the geocaching hider must receive permission from the property owner. Kemmler – have you ever received permission for such use? Deffenbaugh – permission was granted from BCC for their property. A Brad (did not know last name) from EEL's has also given permission for this. Withers – the little league fence at the Malabar Park was destroyed 3 times from people looking for the caches. They have also tried to tear the lock off the cover over the pump. There is 498 acres available for use on the EEL's property and the Cameron Preserve with parking. Thomas – I think the Cameron Preserve would be a good place for it. Treadwell – I think just by Lynn coming here shows that he is acknowledging that he will be responsible for not letting anything happen. It's a bad idea for Fern Creek Crossing, but a good idea for the Cameron Preserve. Deffenbaugh - all cache users sign a disclaimer saying they assume all risk. Kemmler – I'm always for people using our parks, but did not understand the urgency of starting it right away. Deffenbaugh – the only urgency was there's another cache just down the road and he wanted to include Fern Park also. Siegmann - in favor of them using the Cameron Preserve.

MOTION: Korn/ Thomas recommend to Council that we deny the use of Fern Creek Crossing Park for geocaching, but recommend the use of the Cameron Preserve, and each person placing a cache to register with the Town Administrator's office.

Vote: All Ayes

Deffenbaugh – I think you all made the right decision. I plan on talking to the Town Administrator on this. Kemmler – I will go before the next Council Meeting and present this to Council.

Sand Hill Trails Greenway Grant Denial

Kemmler – we need to find out why the grant was denied. Withers – remember that this Park Board has never approved paving anything in the Trailhead park.

Formation of Trails and Greenway Committee

Kemmler – wanted to ask anyone if we are closer to developing a Trails and Greenways Committee. Korn – why not just set this up the same way the Spring Fest Committee was set up. Withers – Doc Holiday’s Ranch does not have any trail rights as organized roads that he receives compensation for. Kemmler – we did have at one time a Trails and Greenways Committee that was very active. Has anyone come forward to spearhead a new Trails and Greenways Committee.

MOTION: Korn/ Thomas make a motion to assist in establishing a Trails and Greenways Committee.

Vote: 3 Ayes, 2 Nays

Cameron Preserve Trails Cleanup

Kemmler – would like to know if anyone would like to set a date to take tools out to the preserve and trim trees etc. Thomas- thinks the clearing of the trails is going to resolve itself without all the horses on it now. Kemmler – wondered if anyone on the board was interested in going out on a Saturday or after work to clear paths. Withers – interested in helping on this. We need to know what tools to bring. Kemmler – we can also get rid of the Melalucca plants. Hans recommends August 7th at 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Mowing of Parks – Taylor Maid Inc.

Kemmler – Taylor Maid started mowing the parks on the 9th of July and wondered if anyone has seen how they are doing. Korn – Town Administrator expects some fine tuning to be done. Withers – presented a list of mowing and maintenance problems at the parks. Kemmler –stated that he will take the list and verify these problems.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

MOTION: Withers/Korn move to adjourn. VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes approved on August 15, 2007