

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

January 17th, 2007 @ 7:30 P.M.

**Town of Malabar
Council Chambers**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – PRAYER & PLEDGE

ROLL-CALL OF MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: October 18th, 2006

ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

Cameron Preserve – Designated Camping Area

Disc Golf Park Update

Malabar Section of Brevard Linear Trail

Update on FRDAP Grant

Grant Application for Trails and Greenways

Letter Boards for Trails

Additional Cameras for Park

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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**MALABAR PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 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 – present

Vickie Thomas - present

1ST ALTERNATE – Josh Treadwell - present

2ND ALTERNATE – Scott Pollard - excused

3RD ALTERNATE - VACANT

STAFF:

Ed Booth, Town Administrator - excused

Sharon White, Recording Secretary – present

Approval of Park Board Minutes from October 18th, 2006.

Motion: Korn/Siegmann made motion to approve the October 18th, 2006 minutes as amended/corrected/submitted.

Correction: The word “their” changed to “there” in a couple of places throughout minutes.

Vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

ACTION:

DISCUSSION:

Shade Structure Cover - Installation during summer

Hans would like the Park Board to ask the Council what is the timeframe and the maximum amount of time before the shade structure should be erected for the summer months. If we take it down before the hurricane season and put it up after the hurricane season, then it is not serving its purpose.

Cameron Preserve – Designated Camping Area

Korn stated that he would like to see the Cameron preserve used as a designated primitive camping area for the public. Mr. Booth said that they can do that anyway. Someone should go out there and designate where the camping should be and where to have campfires and port-a-johns. Formalize it somewhat.

Hans - stated that the Cameron preserve at the present time is used by bikers, hikers and sometimes by horses. It may take some expenditure money and work to get some of these designated areas in shape. Korn stated that the reason he would like to see it formalized somewhat, is so that they don't camp in the middle of a bike trail or horse trail. Vickie stated that St. Sebastian State Preserve could help us with that. They have some primitive camping areas.

Vickie stated that at the north end of Corey Road, where she often takes walks with her husband, they have found pornography and other evidence that this area is not being used for what it is meant for. She feels that this could possibly be due to the new bridge that is bringing bicycle traffic and motor bike traffic from the Port Malabar area.

Mr. Siegmann stated that there should be a designated campfire area marked and off the main trails.

Withers said that if you put a fire ring in a primitive area like the Cameron Preserve, you will have forest fires and you must put a port-a-potty where it can be serviced. You cannot leave it there unattended all the time. It will have to be the responsibility of the individual or individuals camping to bring in and take out the port-a-potty.

Korn suggested that we appoint Vickie to see what is needed for a primitive campsite area at St. Sebastian State Preserve. Hans suggested that someone go out there to talk to the people that run the place and see how they are set up.

Bob Siegmann suggested composting toilets which are \$600 - \$1000. He will look into these and report this at our next meeting.

Disc Golf Park Update

Korn said they have put barriers up so that people cannot drive into the park and it appears to be cleaned up and looks better. Public Works and the people who use the park have been volunteering some of their time working out there.

Malabar Section of Brevard Linear Trail

Hans suggested that we get someone to talk to us about this trail. Korn stated that we invite Bob Wilbur or Richard Cameron to talk to us about these trails. Hans - we should talk to the EEL's people telling them that we have a trail coming up to Marie Street and tell them if we are the one's doing the work, could we cut across their property. Hans will talk to Bob Wilbur about the trail area at Marie Street and will talk to the EEL's people. Vickie asked Hans to mention to the EEL's people that since the bridge has been done that bikes and motor bikes are coming over the bridge a lot more now and running through the preserve. Korn suggested that we should ask Palm Bay to help us with keeping out the bikes. Vickie stated that we need to make the Town aware that people are not just walking on the walkway, but they are making it as an entry way into all the EEL's land and it will be destroyed if they keep doing what they are doing.

Update of FRDAP Grant

We have applied for the grant and we will probably not hear anything until May. If we do not get it, we will have to have some sort of a backup plan. We need a bathroom at the Trailhead. Hans stated that we will then have to go to the Council and ask them that the matching grant money that was intended for the pavilion will have to be used for a restroom at the Trailhead.

Grant Application for Trails and Greenways

Hans stated that we should look this over and see what they offer and see if it is something that we should apply for. Korn said that Ed stated that there may be money from the Trails and Greenway Grant Fund to build a bathroom at the Trailhead. Hans stated that we need bathrooms at the Trailhead, Cameron Preserve and our community park.

Letter Boards for Trails

Chief Joe Gianantonio knows of a company that puts lettering on boards fairly cheap for trails similar to Turkey Creek. The board and the writing is about \$15.00. The Park Board could not think of anywhere we could use them now. Withers said we should wait until we get the trails in and see where we may need them.

Additional Cameras for Malabar Community Park

Chief Joe said he will be getting 3 extra cameras in his budget. Withers said that we are sharing a screen for the cameras with the fire dept. Korn is against having more cameras in the park. Korn said that he does not want to go on public record when he goes to the park. They don't prevent anyone from doing anything. He has asked other people from other areas whether they have cameras in their park and everyone said they do not. Korn said that we lose some of our freedom with cameras. Hans stated that the Council had voted on having the cameras in the park.

Korn said this should be added as a Public Forum at our next council meeting.

Vickie said that maybe in just designated areas when the children play we could use the extra cameras.

NEW BUSINESS AND OLD BUSINESS:

Old Business:

New Business:

Bill Withers stated that Huggins Park is being used a lot since the improvements that were made.

At Fern Creek Crossing Park - the fence is up and done and he cannot do anymore until the ditch is refined by Public Works. Vickie Thomas stated that she has heard numerous comments of how good the park looks, which is due to Bill Withers efforts.

Mr. Withers stated that Hank Baron asked if we could have signs made saying "Youth Soccer Teams Only", placed at the soccer fields, since adults tear up the field real fast. Hans stated that we should find out what Palm Bay is doing that we are not because their fields are not torn up.

Mr. Withers also commented on the configuration of the ball field. The field is set up for Little League. The Brevard Stars changed it to a Pony League. Someone has dug up the bases. He has asked what should the field be configured to, Pony League or Little League. It was the consensus of the board that it should remain a Little League field.

Mr. Withers stated that the daycare centers (none from Malabar) dump 30 – 55 children off at the park at a time with minimal supervision. They trash the bathrooms and leave food products all over the park. Hans volunteered to write a letter to the Creative Years Day Care Services and Doorway to Learning concerning this matter.

Doggie pot for doggie dispenser – Dick Korn passed out a handout showing these dispensers and asked whether we need these dispensers in our park so that people will clean up after their dogs. Mr. Korn has not priced these dispensers. Mr. Withers stated that people bring their own bags to the park and clean up after their dogs. Hans stated that the board members should take a walk through the park and see if they feel that something is needed for cleaning up after dogs at the park.

Bill stated that we should look into getting a bush hog from grant money to keep the trails open. We need to figure out where the trails should be. We need to keep the trails and greenways under the Park Board and not as a separate committee. We will try to get Bob Wilbur to attend our next Park Board meeting to speak to us on the trails and greenways if Hans Kemmler and Dick Korn find that they will be present.

Public:

The new board members of the Malabar Soccer League were present at this meeting. The president, Mary Hofmeister, 2340 Corey Road, spoke for the club. She informed the board that Hank Baron resigned and has handed over the paperwork to this new soccer board. A new contract will be drawn up for the calendar year 2007 and our lawyer will review it. It was agreed upon with the soccer league and Mr. Withers that primary cut day for mowing the soccer field would be Thursday, and the rain day would be on Friday. It was agreed that the sprinkler system would be turned off on Saturday's during games. The soccer league commented that this was the nicest soccer field they have ever played on. This will be the soccer clubs fourth season. This season they will have approximately 100 children. Mr. Withers informed them that we only have 62 parking spaces at the park. Mrs. Hofmeister wanted to bring up the subject of expanding the fields. Mr. Withers stated that the only place available to have another field (U6 size), is between the south end of the soccer field and north fence

of the parking lot and in front of the Fire Dept., and the access gate would have to be closed. Hans suggested they should talk to Ed Booth to see if there are any patches of land in the Town for another soccer field.

Mary Hofmeister also stated that the new fence that was set up along the baseball field has cut down on their parking space. The Park Board stated that we cannot do much about this, but we will put this on the agenda for our next Park Board Meeting. Mary also stated that there are logs along where the parking is done and when cars pull up to park they go up and over the logs and it has taken out some of the grills on the cars. Mr. Withers stated that this is temporary for the Springfest and they are a quick fix for now.

Mary also asked about having a port-a-potty placed in the park for the games since the younger children have so far to walk to the restroom. It was recommended that if they can get sponsors to pay for the port-a-potty, then they could place one over near the sand pile by the parking lot where we had planned on building a restroom anyway. They also expressed interest in having a concession stand at the park, but they were informed that this would have to be looked at in the future.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Korn/ Withers move to adjourn. VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes approved on February 21st, 2007