

TOWN OF MALABAR – PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

1/16/08 MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL:

Hans Kemmler – Chair
Dick Korn, Vice-Chair - Excused
Bob Siegmann - Excused
Vickie Thomas
Josh Treadwell, Excused
Scott Pollard, Alt. #1, voting for Dick Korn
Maryann Marsh, Alt. #2, voting for Bob Seigmann
Sharon White, Recording Secretary

- A. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairperson, Hans Kemmler Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Hans Kemmler.
- B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** – see above.
- C. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS** - None
- D. 1. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 19, 2007 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:**

MOTION: Pollard / Kemmler (passed gavel) to approve the above minutes as submitted.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Ayes

E. PUBLIC:

Mary Hoffmeiser – 2340 Corey Road, Malabar spoke requesting more soccer fields for the different level teams they represent. The area in front of the Community Park was considered, but too close to the road. They have 5 different teams. U6 and U8 teams could be placed there, but parents will not like this – too close to road.

Hans – We need the dimensions of the fields. Mary gave us the dimensions of the field that are needed. Huggins Park area was not pursued because of the traffic it would cause in this area. The other area that was considered on Valkaria Road, the county owns. Mary asks about property on right side of park, but we have not acquired this from the state. Scott Pollard asks Mary if she has any idea where we should put these fields. Mary is trying to get Mike Knight from the EEL's to donate land for the soccer fields. Hans – I wish we could find a place to have these fields, but we have nothing available now.

Hans - we can measure the area at the Malabar Community Park to see if there is room for a small soccer field between the parking lot and soccer field and in front of the fire dept. We will check the outfield of the baseball field.

Barry Wirsch, 975 Mina Ave. NE, Palm Bay, VP of the Malabar Soccer Club, stated that he needs a field for older children – U16 soccer team. Can we expand the fields near the restrooms, between the parking lot and the lake?

Hans will get in touch with Mary and go out to the fields and see if there is anything available.

Malanie Corand, 3850 Burfer Road, Valkaria/Grant spoke next - The Valkaria Park is not big at all. The county is keeping ¾ of it to store their equipment. So that is not an option. Can we revisit Huggins Park? Hans stated that that will take a lot of expense to make this area a soccer field.

Hans Kemmler , Maryann Marsh and Scott Pollard will go out to the park on Saturday, 1/19/08 at 2:00 P.M. and meet with the soccer club to measure for any fields available.

F. ACTION: None

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Watering Troth**

The watering troth at the Trailhead #1 needs something done with it. Maryann Marsh suggested that we might want to get a Rubbermaid troth. It would never rust.

MOTION: Thomas / Marsh to recommend to Council that we replace the watering troth at the Trailhead #1 Park with a Rubbermaid or plastic one.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Ayes

- **Palm Tree at Trail Head**

10 feet west of the fire ring at the Trailhead #1 Park there is a palm tree that needs to be brought down. It has a large hole through it and looks unsafe.

MOTION: Pollard / Thomas to recommend to Council that the tree be taken down.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Ayes

- **Roof at large Pavilion**

Hans will contact the TA to see if something needs to be done about the roof. It is rotting from the underside.

- **Checking on Parks**

Vickie asks what the sticks are in the ground at the north end of Corey Road just past the gates; white sticks with orange painted tops. No one knew what they were there for. Hans stated that he will ask the Town Administrator if she knows. Maryann Marsh will check the area south on Marie St. Vickie will monitor the Fern Creek Park.

- **Gates for Boundary Canal Trail**

Vickie was grateful to Bob Siegmann for getting the pictures of the trail showing his vehicle on the trail. Hans stated that Council has authorized a survey of that entire area to see who the land belongs to and we will take it from there when this survey is completed.

- **Trash Cans for Malabar Disc Golf Park**

Hans stated that the Disc Park looks great but if you look in the bushes, there is a lot of garbage. We need more trash cans put out there.

Motion: Pollard/Thomas to recommend to Council that we add four more trash cans to the Disc Golf Park to be placed strategically.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Ayes

- **Trails & Greenways Committee Coordination**

The Council has decided to establish a Trails & Greenway Committee. Hans stated that if anyone on this board would like to join this committee please fill out an application. We have approximately four people now that are willing to join. Maryann Marsh stated that she knows a few people that may be willing to join.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

New Business:

Vickie asked if Bill Withers resigned. Hans stated that the Council did not reappoint him for this upcoming year.

Old Business:

None

I. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Pollard / Marsh make motion to adjourn. **VOTE:** All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

Sharon White – Recording Secretary

Hans Kemmler, Chair

Date _____