

**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
5/21/08 MEETING MINUTES**

This meeting of the Malabar Town Council was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order at: 7:28 PM by Chairperson, Hans Kemmler. Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Hans Kemmler.

B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

ROLL CALL:

Hans Kemmler – Chair
Dick Korn, Vice-Chair
Bob Siegmann-excused
Vickie Thomas - excused
Scott Pollard
Josh Treadwell, Alt. #1-excused
Maryann Marsh, Alt. #2
Cynthia Kelley, Recording Secretary

C. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS – Kelley advises Board that there is a presentation for mitigation of trees to the Malabar Community Park. Chair states that this will be Discussion Item 6.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes**
Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 4/16/08
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Recommendation: Motion to approve

MOTION: Pollard/Marsh to approve the minutes of 4/16/08 as presented.

Discussion: Korn asked about Kemmler saying Council is not willing to pay for the port-o-lets. It is in the minutes.

Vote: All Ayes.

E. PUBLIC

F. ACTION

• **Recommendation to Council: Park gates: To Lock or Not to Lock**

Open for discussion. Kelley advises the Board that this was brought to Council at the Monday evening meeting. The gates will remain open for three months; being monitored, and then brought back to Council in September. Korn is asking why we are looking to advise Council when they have already made the decision to keep the gates unlocked at this time. He doesn't like the gates locked. Kemmler suggests that the Board table this until the September meeting. Korn asked why Council made the decision without input from the Board or the Chair of the Board. Pollard suggests the Board leave this with Council.

• **Recommendation to Council: Usage Fee for Soccer Club – Next Season**

Discussion: Kemmler asks, based on the Agenda Face Sheet, who is making the recommendation to the Board. Kelley advises that the packet is provided to the Town Clerk prior to putting the packet out to the Board; staff is making the recommendation that the Board allow instructions from Council to be carried out. Korn's attitude is he would not approve an action without knowing what the recommendation is. What fees are they talking about? Kemmler states that we are discussing the fees for the Soccer Club. Council has asked that the Town Administrator prepare and procedures for the use of the soccer field by the Soccer Club. Korn states that the Board is out of the loop on this; it should be tabled.

MOTION: Korn/Marsh move to make no recommendation on Action Item 3 because we have not been consulted and don't know what they're talking about. VOTE: All Ayes.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Park Bathroom at South End of Malabar Community Park-Possible Use by Emergency Personnel**

Kemmler states he will keep putting this on the agenda. This is needed; we don't need to bring to Council for recommendation. These facilities would have made it easier with the emergency personnel in the park last week.

MOTION Korn/Pollard moves that the Board strongly recommends to Council that they find a way to put a bathroom in the south area of the park near the playground; not that they look into it but they find a way.

Discussion: Korn states this is the Board's advice. Marsh feels we need to add because of the emergency personnel issue of the fires last week and any hurricanes that may be in the future. Kemmler asks if this should be added to the motion. Marsh states she would like to add this so it is fresh in their minds; not only are we looking for this for people to use the park but for things that happen in the Town such as the fires that happened last week. Pollard states this has been established as a nexus for emergency efforts and it will continue to do so for future emergency events. Korn has no objection to adding this to the motion. His point is most of the activity in the park, particularly activities that require or would be facilitated by a bathroom facility is at the south end of the park. Everything is at that end of the park; we need a facility there.

VOTE: All Ayes.

- **Blocking Four-Wheel Traffic on Eastern End of East-West Canal Trail North of EEL Property**

Kemmler states he has seen the survey of Marie Street that Craig McKinnon completed; it's not signed/sealed, it's more like an advisory survey. He has done the research and had defined all the boundaries and he said what was there. For our purposes and what we have discussed here before; would like to advise Council on at the next meeting, one of the places where four-wheel traffic gains access is they just go to the end of Marie Street and take a left and then go down scenic trail. This is not fit for that use. So we've talked about putting a barrier that the Fire Department could gain access to. We have found out that the land end the very end of the trail; at that particular spot, is EELs property. Korn asks if the EELs property doesn't end with their fence, it goes all the way to the canal. Sue Hann, the Deputy City Manager of Palm Bay, was involved in the paving of this area. Perhaps we could ask from whence they got the permission to get the paving put down. Kelley advises this was from a grant. Korn states he is not talking about the funds; but the paving the piece of property. At the time it was paved, it was the understanding that it was Malabar property and Malabar gave permission to Palm Bay along the boundary canal to pave this area. The only vehicles allowed (wheeled vehicles) are emergency or services vehicles to clean the canal or to rescue or fight fire. If they did that, we, certainly, should be able to put a turn style of some sort across the end of that pavement. Kelley advises that she spoke to the Town Administrator about this today and was informed a gate would not be put there. She advises that Kemmler get with the Town Administrator to get clarification for this. Korn provides some background information regarding a meeting that was held in the conference room at Town Hall with Bill Stephenson, Sue Hann and himself. No minutes were taken of this meeting, but it was the general consensus of the people in this meeting that a barrier of some sort should be placed to keep the traffic out of the trail. Kemmler would like this researched done to find out how it can be brought to Council; it will be an action item for the next month's meeting. Marsh volunteered that she will look into the different types of barriers for this and report back to the Board by e-mail as she will not be present at the next meeting. There is a barrier at the Cameron Preserve; this is the type of barrier that Kemmler is talking about.

• **Presentation (ideas for placing trees at park)**

Kelley advises the Board that we have an anonymous benefactor who is willing to purchase trees for the Malabar Community Park. Pictures, taken by the Town Administrator, were shown of various areas that could use some shade trees. Kelley advised the Board that all the benches in the park don't have any type of shade structure provided; parents sitting with their children playing are in the direct heat and sun. This is the way the benches are placed throughout the park. The Board discussed the various types of trees that could be used as shade trees; keeping in mind that it will take some time for the trees to grow and provide the shade. After discussing this, the Board decided to table this item until such time that they could visit the park and see what could be used as a shade tree. Marsh states that shade sheets, which can be moved, could be an alternative to the shade trees.

At this time, Maryann Marsh advises the Board that she will not be present for next month's meeting. She will provide all information that she is to research prior to the meeting.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Old Business:

Pollard reports that the water trough for Trailhead 1 is now there. The tree with the hole in it is still out there. Kemmler reports the cracked cement has been replaced. Pollard states that the picnic tables and benches have a green fungus growing on them. Kemmler states he will ask the Town Administrator to have Public Works look into this and have it taken care of.

Korn asks the Board if they should continue to try to get storage for the Soccer Club. The dome storage is no longer available and he has not followed through with Carl Beatty regarding a possible storage facility. Marsh states this needs to be put on hold and Pollard is in agreement. We have enough on our plate with the Soccer Club. Kemmler states they are able to use the field for free at this time; for the next season, he has the attitude to have them pay what it costs for maintenance of the field for their use. He doesn't feel it would be a large amount. Korn asks about the goals and what condition they are in. If we get into a position to have to purchase them, he has a sales source.

Kemmler reports that the information on the compost and toilets has been found and will be provided to Bob Seigmann. He is very interested in this type of facility; he may be putting something together for a presentation. I'm going to keep bringing this up because this facility is needed at the south end of the park.

New Business:

Korn states the Board should send greeting to Josh Treadwell. He may have an e-mail address for him. Kelley reported that the agenda packet is sent to him each month. He is being kept abreast of what the Board is doing so when he returns he will have an idea of what has happened while he's been away. Marsh suggest, through a sock brigade she's involved in, that we send a care package to him. This package is to include a pair of alpaca socks; they are a little costly, but they will last forever. They would be very welcome if stationed in the dessert. Kemmler reported that we should have twelve cards; send once a month. Those on the receiving end are very appreciative of hearing from home. He also stated he would be willing to make a donation to the purchase of the socks for Treadwell. Kemmler's wife makes greeting cards; we could have her make a card to send with the package.

I. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Korn/Pollard to adjourn. VOTE: All Ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.


Cynthia Kelley, Recording Secretary


Hans Kemmler, Chair

Approved Date 7/16/08