

**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
7/16/08 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: 7:31 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

Vickie Thomas

Scott Pollard

Josh Treadwell, Alt. #1-excused

Maryann Marsh, Alt. #2

Cynthia Kelley, Recording Secretary

**C. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** None

At this time, Kemmler states he likes the new format of the agenda packets; feels they should have page numbers when uploaded to the website for research purposes. It took ten minutes to find information in a Council packet that had more than 150 pages.

**D. D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 5/21/08**

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 1

**Recommendation:** Motion to approve

**MOTION: Korn/Siegmann to approve minutes from 5/21/08 as presented.**

Discussion: None

**Vote: All Ayes.**

**E. PUBLIC:** None

**F. ACTION:** None

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2. Shade Structures in Malabar Community Park**

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2

**Recommendation:** Discussion and direction

Discussion: An anonymous benefactor contacted the Town to donate trees to the park; at the last meeting pictures were shown of the park where these trees could be placed to provide shade. Marsh had made a suggestion that we use some other type of shade structure due to the trees taking time in providing shade due to size and growth. Korn states that the providing of these trees was due to land mitigation and is time sensitive. He suggests that Kemmler contact the Town Administrator for the status of this; it could be a mute point. Kemmler states he was contacted by Town staff to get input for the size and caliber of trees after the last meeting but was not given the final outcome of the price of the trees or the amount that would be donated. He suggested the largest caliber of tree possible and the amount of ten trees or as close to this as possible with the size factor. Thomas asks what type of trees would be placed. Kelley advised the type to be oak trees. Pollard asks if the placement of the trees would interfere with any new soccer fields placed in the park. Kemmler advised that Council has said

there will be no more soccer fields added to the park. He stated that he would make contact with the Town Administrator to get the status. If he finds that this will not be taking place, he will advise the Board and discussion of shade structures will be brought back for discussion and recommendation would be made to Council regarding this. Korn made a suggestion that we put something with ads on them and let someone else pay for the shade structures. Kemmler states that this will be placed on hold until speaking with the Town Administrator.

### 3. Green Bridges at Linear Trail

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 3

**Recommendation:** Discussion and direction

**Discussion:** Kemmler brought this to the Board for consideration. This is a long-range goal and something that we would need assistance with funding. People are realizing that wildlife is being hemmed in and can't get around their natural habitat. Areas are being bridged to assist the wildlife with their habitats. This is something that the Trails and Greenways Committee could look into; this would be a perfect place for Brevard County to have something of this nature. Kemmler states he would like to spark the thought that we are considering this type of project; the trail is supposed to come down Marie Street and cross over Malabar Road and continues south; he doesn't know what the crossing would look like. Thomas states she has seen this type of bridge; one in Gainesville and after being in place for two days, you could see the animal tracks all around it. Korn suggest that Bob Wilbur come and address the Board regarding the trail crossing Malabar Road.

Bob Wilbur-2500 Glatter Road came forward and addressed the Board. There is a bridge that crosses I-4 over the highway. This bridge is big enough for a truck to cross. Trees are planted all along the crossing, green vegetation and grass. He did the trail and took a trail ride across the bridge. Marsh asks what the bridge is made of. Korn states it is just like the bridges that the kids use to cross the roads to get to school. Wilbur states that in order to qualify for a land bridge, the destination is a very serious factor. This is also very expensive; a matching grant would be needed to assist with a project like this.

Korn asks about the current plan to bring the trail across Malabar Road to continue south on Marie Street. Wilbur states he would be happy to see lines on the road. Kemmler states that DOT has their own rules; they could put up a caution sign. Thomas states she would like to have pedestrians push a button to cross the street and have crossing on demand. Marsh states that she is a horse rider and there have been plenty of times that she would have like to cross Malabar Road to continue but this is impossible with the traffic on Malabar Road at this time. Wilbur would like to see a sign approaching trail crossing in either direction for whatever distance is required indicating horse, pedestrian and bicycle crossing. Korn asks if this is something the Town can do. Kemmler states that Malabar Road is a state road and DOT has the jurisdiction. Wilbur advises that DOT has the signage; we shouldn't have to take the funds from the Town. Kemmler states we need to convince them and that can be hard to do. He advises Wilbur that this Board will assist in any way to help with this project. Wilbur states this should be a priority before an accident happens

Korn states that a previous Council advised the MPO that the Town was opposed to four laning Malabar Road; this has been brought back to them for consideration. Wilbur would be happy with sidewalk on north side of Malabar Road before the four laning of Malabar Road; need connection of sidewalk alignment on the north side for the hospital expansion. He did not see MIMA's plan for sidewalk coming down to the trailer park. Korn states that MIMA is in Malabar and the hospital is in Palm Bay; Palm Bay probably required the sidewalk and Malabar didn't. Wilbur states that grants for sidewalks are available but with the amount of room the ditch may need to be piped; this is rather expensive but is feasible.

Kemmler states this pretty much covers what he is trying to say about the green bridge and Linear Trail. He would like it on record that we thought of doing something in case, in the future, the hard times end and money is available, we can continue with this.

**4. Trails and Greenways Committee First Meeting****Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 4**Recommendation:** Discussion and direction

Discussion: Kemmler brought this to the Board to get the first meeting scheduled. Korn and Wilbur are two of the people on the Committee with himself. Cameron and Murray Hann are the other two people who have volunteered. After discussing days of the week that are good for the three present, it was decided to have the meetings scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, beginning with August 2008. Wilbur suggests that Kemmler advise Cameron and Hann of this. Kelley advises that this will be added to the monthly calendar and placed on the website; staff will also have the meetings noticed for the public. Kemmler comments on whether Town staff needs to be present to take minutes of the meetings. Kelley states she will find out and advise by e-mail findings to Kemmler. Kemmler states an action item of making contact with Town Administrator to get the rules and regulations for this Committee on how to conduct the meetings.

**5. Park Survey for Website****Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 5**Recommendation:** Discussion and direction

Discussion: Kelley advises the Board that this survey was brought before them at a previous meeting. This was in the Mailboat and it needs to be gone over one last time for final review. After discussion, the only addition made by the Board was to add grills under the "added feature" section. Kelley advises that staff will make the necessary grammatical changes to the form. Kemmler would like this document to be added to the website with form elements so that the people filling it out can "click and send" their information right to Town staff. This is something that can be done by the web people with very little trouble. If this cannot be done, he asks that the Town Administrator advise the Board of this.

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:****Old Business:**

Pollard states he has a couple of things to be addressed. At the Boundary Canal Trail, the eyelet and chain were forcibly removed. Korn stated this issue is being addressed. What happened is someone entered the Boundary Canal Trail from Palm Bay's end and came through. They realized they couldn't get out unless they ran right through the chain; this is what they did and took the equipment. The second incident was someone cut the chain. This equipment had been replaced with no other incidents. Palm Bay is in the process of making their end look like ours to keep the traffic out of the east end of the Boundary Canal Trail.

Thomas states that at the entrance of the Cameron Preserve, there is a gofer turtle hole that is being run over. She would like to see some stakes and ribbon placed out there so people can see this area is being protected. Pollard suggests concrete poles. Kemmler states this is something the Trails and Greenway Committee could address.

Bob Wilbur-2500 Glatter Road came forward and addressed the Board. The entryways to the Boundary Canal Trail sounds like a job for intergovernmental coordination. To keep the traffic out, he suggests that PVC piping and cables be used. People will not take cable; chains have several uses, cable doesn't. This is something that Public Works could do in-house, it's not expensive and it could be taken down should the need arise without much trouble.

Kemmler asks if there is any other access to the Boundary Canal Trail, as we seem to have the Palm Bay entry and our entry taken care of. Thomas states that you can enter the Boundary Canal Trail from the parking area at Glen Brook off of Port Malabar Road. Kemmler states that this would need to be addressed by the assisted living facility; we have no jurisdiction in this area. Korn suggest a sign be placed to keep people from going across the grass. The Town Administrator has been coordinating with Sue Hann regarding the Boundary Canal Trail.

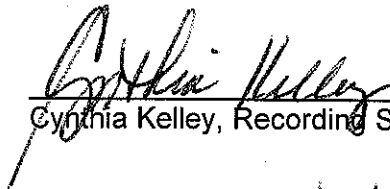
Pollard states that the water trough at the Marie Street Trailhead has been in place for a while and this is good. The tree due west of the fire pit is still there and he feels this could be a safety issue.

Kemmler states he will contact the Town Administrator to see if Public Works can take care of this issue.

**New Business:**  
**None**

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further discussion, **MOTION: Pollard/Korn to adjourn meeting. VOTE: All Ayes.**  
This meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

  
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Cynthia Kelley, Recording Secretary

  
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Hans Kemmler, Chair

Approved Date: 9/17/08