



Trails and Greenways Committee

Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES
4. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of Minutes of 02/08/2021
Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 4a

Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 4a** (Draft_Minutes_2.8.pdf)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. ACTION ITEMS : 0
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions
 - b. Eagles Nest Trailhead Update - Site Plan Development - Drone, GPS, Reference Points, Diagonal Parking
 - c. Paved Al Tuttle Connector from North Corey
 - d. Connection from Turkey Creek Trails to Grapefruit Trails Status
 - e. Fall in Love with SpringFest 2021 (March 20) - T&GC Info Table
 - f. Next Field Event - TBD
8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Board Member Comments
 - b. Next Scheduled Meeting Date
9. ADJOURNMENT

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
February 8th, 2021 6:00 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M. Prayer and Pledge led by Vice-Chair Hann.

2. ROLL CALL:

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON-Via Phone
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN
BOARD MEMBERS:	ANNELIE HARVEY-Via Phone
	BOB WILBUR
	BARBARA CAMERON
BOARD SECRETARY:	RICHARD KOHLER

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES

Secretary Kohler requested Agenda Item 7h, Review New Webpages for Town's Website be added to the agenda.

Motion by Thompson/Wilbur to add agenda item 7h. All Ayes

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. Regular Trails and Greenways Committee Mtg Minutes of 1/11/2021

Committee Members Cameron/Wilbur move to accept the minutes of 01/11/2021 as amended.

Vice Chair Hann requested the phrasing for the Briar Creek Underpass Project be changed from "Engineered Plans" to design.

All Ayes: Motion Carried 5-0 (all ayes).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Craig Smith of Grant Valkaria introduced himself to the committee and stated how eager he was to work with the Town of Malabar.

6. ACTION ITEMS: NONE

7. DISCUSSION

a. Trail, Kiosk, and Firebreak Conditions

-Vice Chair Hann stated that the trails are in excellent condition. The little bit of rain really helped pack down some sandy areas. There are currently no trail blockages. The firebreaks are in very bad shape. There are a lot of weeds in many sections. The EELs program has stated we need to remove those weeds before they will disc the firebreaks. We could engage the forestry department or try to do it ourselves. We could also request a meeting with EELs to get more information. Chair Thompson suggested the Committee send a letter to EELs requesting assistance. Vice Chair Hann requested Chair Thompson draft a letter and get it to ITM Morrell so she can send it to EELs.

Secretary Kohler asked who secured the two bridges on the eastern yellow trail in Cameron Preserve. Vice Chair Hann stated he spoke to a BMBA member who requested permission from him to improve the area and took care of it. CM Cameron requested the Committee thank the gentleman.

b. Possible TOM – G-V Liaison Between both Town T&G groups–Craig Smith, of G-V

-Secretary Kohler stated upon review of the Town Code three steps must be taken before this action can be completed. Mr. Smith needs to be appointed to the Grant Valkaria Trails and Greenways Committee (GVTGC), the GVTGC needs to approve of the addition of a liaison role, and Malabar Town Council needs to approve a non-resident committee member acting as a liaison. Until that time, we look forward to hearing Mr. Smith's opinions at our public meetings.

Chair Thompson thanked Mr. Smith for volunteering to act as a liaison.

c. Eagles Nest Trailhead/Workday Update

-Chair Thompson began by acknowledged the tremendous amount of work done by CM Wilbur. He also acknowledged the extensive work completed by CM Harvey and Council Member Vail. CM Wilbur stated he believed the next steps will be to GPS and flag the final parking area and entrances, grind the area down and to install the culverts. If we install the culverts, it will make the remaining steps simpler. Vice Chair Hann stated that the Committee already has the culverts needed for the area, but we do not have the equipment or manpower to install them. We have three 20' sections of culverts and a joiner. Previously, TM Stinnett relayed a request from the Engineer Smith to wait until SAI had finished the Town's stormwater master plan. He recommends Secretary Kohler speak to ITM Morrell about requesting the Public Works Department install the culverts. CM Wilbur stated that the southern entrance will be an easier project, but the north isn't much more difficult.

CM Wilbur/Cameron moved that Secretary Kohler approach ITM Morrell about having Public Works install culverts at Eagles Nest Trailhead. All Ayes

Vice Chair Hann stated the next step would be to find a contractor to grind the area. CM Wilbur suggested the Committee solicit volunteers for this project. There are several companies in the area with the necessary equipment, and it could be an excellent chance for some good P.R. Chair suggests Committee members send correspondence to CM Cameron so she can reach out to possible contractors.

Chair Thompson asked the Committee when a good date would be for the next workday? CM Wilbur stated Wednesday February 24th at 3:30 PM he would be available. Chair Thompson and CM Cameron stated they would be also be available. Vice Chair Hann stated Mr. Smith has GPS equipment he has used to mark BMBA trails in the past.

d. Paved Al Tuttle Connector from North Corey Road

-Vice-Chair Hann met ITM Morrell, Deputy Clerk Kohler, and Engineer Erin Trauger for an on-site view of the project on 02/03. Upon completion of the walk, Engineer Trauger stated she would develop a preliminary outline of the project to include all contributing parties, major steps, and a base estimate. Engineer Trauger has stated she will be able to dedicate time to the project the week after President's Day, so there should be information available before the next Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting.

e. Connection from Turkey Creek Trails to Grapefruit Trails Status

-The BMBA exceeded its fundraiser goals. The requested 18k and received over 23k. March 6-8 will be a workday at the kayak launch off Briar Creek Blvd. They will redevelop the kayak path, reinforce the bike trail, add new single track, and scout the areas for the bridges on the Turkey Creek/GFT connector trail.

f. Briar Creek Underpass Project

-Vice Chair Hann stated this project will not be ready for a while. CM Wilbur suggested using flame retardant wood for the project. The worst-case scenario would be a fire under the road.

g. Next Field Day - TBD

- Wednesday February 24th at 3:30 PM at Eagles Nest Trailhead

h. Review New Webpages for Town's Website

-Secretary Kohler explained that the Parks and Recreation Board requested Town Staff develop webpages promoting the Town's parks, many of which are also Trailheads. You have been provided with copies of the information currently posted, and we encourage you to send recommendations and updates at your leisure. Vice

Chair Hann states this looks good and requests a link to the BMBA and Malabar trails web pages. Secretary Kohler stated that those links as well as one to the EELs program website are available on the webpage.

Chair Thompson suggested more photos and references to the Malabar Trail Town designation.

Vice Chair Hann suggested adding an unofficial slogan of "Why don't you live here?" to signage leaving the trails. It's catchy and may influence greater activity in Malabar.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

a. Old Business:

- CM Wilbur suggested the addition of Trail Town signs at the entrances to all Malabar Trails. We should be proud of and promoting our designation as a Trail Town, and what better place to do it than our trails. Vice Chair Hann suggested using McGraphix to make more copies of the signs and install them wherever we can. Chair Thompson suggested an agenda item for the next meeting to include new signage designs.

b. New Business:

- Next Regular Meeting- March 8, 2021
- Secretary Kohler stated that the Town of Malabar has selected March 20th as the date for it's "Fall in Love with Springfest" which will run from 9-1. The Trails and Greenways Committee is encouraged to host a booth at no charge. Also, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization has designated March 2021 Bike Month.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss

MOTION Cameron/Wilbur . Vote: All Ayes. The meeting adjourned 7:13 PM.

BY:

Drew Thompson Chair

Richard W. Kohler, Board Secretary

03/08/2021

Date Approved: as presented/corrected: