

**TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016
TOWN OF MALABAR
2725 MALABAR ROAD
MALABAR, FLORIDA**

A. Called to order: 6:00

B. Roll Call:

Murray Hann – present
Collette Buffaloe – present
Drew Thompson – present
Bob Wilbur – present
Pat Voltaire – Absent
Annelie Harvey - present
Hans Kemmler – present

Audience members – Eric and Jennifer Bienvenu of Stillwater Preserve

C. Approval of minutes: No previous minute to approve

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – No minutes available – Tabled

E. Public:

F. Action:

G. Discussion:

2. Trail Conditions: Hann reported all trails are in good condition – even a little dry. He is receiving positive feedback from the one-way direction and signs. Received two “lost” calls this month; one he was able to help direct the lost person out and the second was able to use the existing signage to help himself. We still need to update and post our maps with universal points but need to complete the entrance “animal” names first. (Item #6) Hann also reported seeing 10 swallowtail kites as well as several other birds on a recent ride.
3. Field event of 2/20/16 – Volunteer “Tino Sebastiane” was out helping dig post holes and building a break at the East/West connector. Post were put in and natural vegetation was woven together to make a very natural looking barrier. A “cut through” was left open for those who need / want to change direction at that point. Murray reported this is also receiving lots of positive feedback.

4. RTCM of 3/7/16 update – Thompson reported to council about the recent field events and the progress made in the Cameron Preserve. He also introduced the proposed lightning shelter and received favorable comments. TC appeared to be pleased with our progress and mentioned they are hearing citizen comments about how much more welcoming Cameron appears compared to some of the current EELS trails. Wilbur mentioned the lightning shelter(s) would make an excellent Eagle Scout project – there are many existing lightning shelter designs out there so we wouldn't need to design our own. Possible future verbiage for signage was discussed.
5. Springfest 04/09/16 – Harvey reported on the latest Springfest planning meeting and suggested we sign up for two 10 x 10 tents and rotate members of the TC, P&R and TC throughout the day as a “meet and greet” and possibly initiate some volunteer interest. There was discussion about various ideas and final agreement was reached for a “Ride to the Keg / Run to the Keg” type guided ride / walk / run from the Springfest site to the Sand Hill Crane Trailhead pavilion where a committee member would be with refreshments and a looping video of some of the trails available in our trail system. Hann will contact BMBA and see if there is interest to assist in this. There was also some discussion about a possible “Poker Run” style horse ride.
6. Thompson provided a legend for potential animal names for the existing trail system entrances. After discussion names were agreed upon as follows:
 1. SE of Turkey Creek Bridge – Alligator
 2. Canoe / Kayak launch @ Turkey Creek – Manatee
 3. Al Tuttle NW Trailhead – Raccoon
 4. Blue Pipe Trailhead – Rabbit
 5. Cameron Preserve NW – Indigo snake
 6. Cameron Preserve N – River Otter
 7. Malabar Scrub East, N Trailhead – Gopher Tortoise
 8. Malabar Scrub East Trail Crossing @ Briar Creek Blvd – Turkey
 9. Malabar Scrub East Trailhead @ Briar Creek Blvd – Owl
 10. Cameron Preserve Trailhead @ N Corey – Swallowtail Kite
 11. Malabar Scrub West @ paved end of Briar Creek – Bobcat
 12. Malabar Scrub East Trailhead @ Marie Street – Squirrel
 13. Malabar Scrub West Trailhead @ paved end of Oak Harbour Lane – Osprey
 14. Malabar Scrub West Trailhead @ Englar Ave W – Deer
 15. Malabar Scrub West @ Malabar Community Park S – Scrub Jay
 16. Malabar Scrub East @ Sand Hill Crane Trailhead #1 – Sand Hill Crane
7. T&G Logo Design – Thompson presented a conceptual design for a proposed new logo. (Graphics to follow) The logo will incorporate a trail disappearing into the distance with “Hoof / Hike / Bike” and bike tread, horse hoof prints and foot prints on the trail along with the MalabarTrails.org website. The logo will utilize the same color scheme as the current TOM logo.

8. ADA Restroom – Potable water appears to be the hold up, but according to an email received by Thompson from TM Doug Hoyt, the restroom is scheduled to be in place on March 28. There was discussion that the estimates associated with water treatment system alternatives, especially the monthly maintenance, seemed excessively high. There was discussion that prior to closure of the project the T&GC and TOM staff needs to meet to review the costs vs original budget to see if sufficient funds remained to further address the potable water system. Hann made a motion to approve the manifolded multi-bottle source of water with a minimum 15 gallon capacity. Motion was seconded by Harvey. All AYE. P&R Chair, Kemmler made note to take back to his board.
9. Lagoon Trailhead – we have received DOT response stating they do not own the land and ownership is actually unknown at this time. Property Appraiser's office says the land appears to be open at this time and recommended we initiate a Title Search. Kemmler has written a letter to Mayor Crews updating the situation. Malabar Trail Website – discussion was covered under Item #7.
10. Nelson's Landing Idea – TM Hoyt has a meeting scheduled with Senator Nelson's office. Thompson and possibly Hann will request to attend the meeting on behalf of the Committee to see if we can move this forward.
11. Project List – Now that Cameron Preserve is nearing completion we need to look south to Jordan. Wilbur reported on the work he has already completed on Oakmont and discussion about a possible trail extending Atz to Marie (there is an existing trail but it is too narrow for equestrian use). Discussion included making it similar to the trailhead at N. Corey with allowance for parking. There was also discussion about the current EELS fence and the possibility of needing an updated survey to see where the fence is located and where it should actually be located. Discussion about a possible future name of "Eagles Nest" for this site.
12. Tabled
13. Tabled
14. Tabled
15. Tabled
- H. Old / New Business
- I. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Hann / Harvey @ 7:55 All AYE