

Note: This meeting is rescheduled from its normal date of 2/17/16 as proper notice was not given. Normal schedule will resume in March

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016
6:00PM - 7:30 PM
TOWN OF MALABAR
2725 MALABAR ROAD
MALABAR, FLORIDA

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES**
- D. PRESENTATIONS**
- E. CONSENT AGENDA**
- 1. Approval of Minutes**
 Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 1/20/15
 Exhibit: Agenda Report No.1
 Recommendation: Motion to approve
- F. PUBLIC:**
- G. ACTION:**
- 2. Welcome New Member Mrs. Jennifer Bienvenu**
- 3. Recommend Council Budget for Shade Structure Replacement at Malabar Community Park (MCP)**
 Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
 Recommendation: Discussion and Action
- H. DISCUSSION:**
- 4. Status of Parking Area Modifications at Fern Creek Crossing**
 Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
 Recommendation: Discussion
- 5. Participation of Park & Rec Board in SpringFest Planning**
 Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
 Recommendation: Discussion
- 6. Alterations to Disc Golf Park due to Road Widening**
 Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
 Recommendation: Discussion
- 7. FDOT cannot Determine Ownership of Land at North End of Rocky Point**
 Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
 Recommendation: Discussion
- I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**
- J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:**
- **Richard E. Cameron & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve – Thomas**
 - **Disc Golf Park – Kemmler**
 - **Fern Creek Crossing & Malabar Community Park – Taylor**
 - **Thomas Eschenberg Memorial – Kemmler/Taylor**
 - **Malabar Trails - Kemmler**
 - **Huggins Park – CLOSED**
- K. ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: THERE MAY BE ONE OR MORE MALABAR ELECTED OFFICIAL ATTENDING THIS MEETING

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by this board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required, and the individual may need to insure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made (Florida Statute 286.0105). The Town does not provide this service. In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting should contact the Town's ADA Coordinator at 321-727-7764 at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

The following draft minutes are subject to changes and/or revisions by the Park Board and shall not be considered the official minutes until approved by the Park Board.

**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
1/20/16 MEETING MINUTES**

This meeting of the Malabar Town Council was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road. It was called to order by Chair Hans Kemmler at 7:30 pm. Prayer and pledge was led by Chair Hans Kemmler.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE

B. ROLL CALL

Chair Hans Kemmler
Vice-Chair Vickie Thomas
Members Tom Taylor

Recording Secretary Debby Franklin

For the record, Ms. Jennifer Bienvenu, applicant for Park & Rec Board appointment was in the audience.

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: None

D. PRESENTATIONS

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes** Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 12/16/15
Exhibit: Agenda Report No.1
Recommendation: Motion to approve

Discussion: none

MOTION: Thomas / Taylor to approve the minutes of 12/16/15. **VOTE:** All Ayes.

F. PUBLIC: Chair explained to Ms. Bienvenu how the agenda process works. He invited her to the podium to introduce herself. Jennifer Bienvenu, 2480 Rocky Point Road. She applied online through the website. Debby provided and asked her to complete a paper application as the online one was not received. It will be on 2/1/16 for appointment by Council.

G. ACTION:

2. **Shade Structure for Playground Equipment at Malabar Community Park**
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Recommendation: Discussion and action

Discussion: Kemmler brought to the Board again for discussion and action.

Chair explained for the benefit of Jennifer Bienvenu that the original cover had a 10 year warranty and failed after 5 years. It was also very cumbersome to put on and take off. So if there was any threat of a hurricane the cover would be taken off and left off until after hurricane season. That defeated the purpose of the cover. They got a replacement but it has also failed and has been repaired numerous times. This has been talked about for the last several meetings. Hans met with TA regarding this matter. He gave an overview of the meeting with the TA. TA proposed a design that would allow four identical panels that would provide shade protection for the playground equipment. Chair explained that a piece may have to be fabricated for the center frame to provide four identical sails. TA proposed this alteration would only cost about 100.00. This would also prevent any rubbing. Chair asked that this be on next

agenda for "discussion/action" – he will ask for a motion then to have the Board recommend Council put this expense in the 16/17 Budget.

H. DISCUSSION:

3. Proposed Changes to Fern Creek Crossing Park to Include Parking Area

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3

Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: This project was put on hold at last mtg until we know if the two trees can be removed. Doug from Palm House can't relocate that tree. Debby said she would contact a local and see if they would help us out.

Board agreed they had consensus for scheduling a work date to move the two fence section back to allow additional parking. They agreed to February 13, 2016 at 10AM to have the work party to move the fence.

4. Donation of Bench at Fern Creek Crossing Park in Honor of Helena Ausley

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4

Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Vickie stated that Patty Foster has indicated that she would like to be part of the group deciding on the placement of the bench. No problem – Vickie will email her.

5. FDOT Right-of-Way North End of Rocky Point

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6

Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Kemmler said that FDOT first pushed it out until January and now they have pushed it out until the end of January. If they decide to allow a lease the process could still take 4-6 months and may involve some expenditures by the Town. It is an unknown at this time.

If it does happen they would make sure it is an enhancement and not a nuisance to the Rocky Point area.

6. Thomas M. Eschenberg Memorial Park

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7

Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Vickie spoke with Mrs. Eschenberg and she was distraught over the suggested changes. Vicki has since met with TA. Doug has agreed to meet with her and reassure her. Changing the name from park to conservation area was also disturbing to her. Vickie tried to explain the benefits. Doug said to let things settle down and then he will contact her.

(8:10pm CM Krieger came in)

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

New Business: Yes – Vicki has web info from Travis Gibb of effexagency. They do website design and she has asked him to contact TA and discuss the possibility of having a link on Town website to the Parks & Recreation Department and also one for the Trails & Greenways. Doug has agreed to talk to him. Vicki said the Town's website is not kept current and referenced the SpringFest pictures were from years ago.

Old Business: None

J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

• **Cameron Preserve – Thomas**

Thomas reported that it is looking good; garbage seems to be much less; it is being picked up by Vicki and her husband when they walk their 4 dogs twice a day. She actually got lost on the trail recently. Suggested they add numbers to the triangle trail markers. Hans said they are already working on that.

• **Disc Golf Park – Kemmler**

Kemmler reported that they held their Malabar Madness on Jan 9 and had 37 players. Afterwards they held the awards ceremony at the park and everything worked out great. They are trying to keep all the trash in the front container so PW doesn't have to drive to the back of the park, as it digs big ruts in the course.

• **Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Park – Kemmler/Taylor**

This park was reported on earlier in the meeting. Will need to move the sign and the bench in order to enlarge the parking. Doug had told him he has two volunteers to mow the park.

• **Fern Creek Crossing Park – Taylor**

This park was discussed earlier in the meeting; a work date is set for 2/13/16 to move two sections of fence.

• **Huggins Park – CLOSED**

• **Malabar Community Park – Taylor**

Vicki said that Valarie Whitworth had asked her about the possibility to have a water fountain at the park. She said many times they forget to bring bottled water. Debby explained that adding a drinking fountain to the park would be very expensive. Hans suggested they pull from the fire department's water. He said he would check with the Chief if their water is potable. (it is) Vicki said maybe they could use the FD outside spigot. Debby said Doug had asked her to let Board know that the ADA restroom water fountain is causing a lot of additional works, permits, and probably expense. Hans said to put water fountain at park on the next agenda for discussion. Vickie said she would talk to Chief.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, general consensus. **MOTION:** Thomas / Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. **VOTE:** All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

By: _____
Hans Kemmler, Chair

ATTEST:

Date Approved: _____

Debby Franklin

From: Kemmler, Hans <hans.kemmler@lmco.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 7:51 AM
To: Debby Franklin; Decuir, M. Lance
Cc: Douglas C. Hoyt; 'mark miller'
Subject: RE: MALABAR

Thanks Debby,

Please change my personal email to ib@hanskemmler.com. I do not use the one you mentioned below. My work email is still hans.kemmler@lmco.com.

Lance and I discussed the options for our disc golf park, and I advised him that going to a 9 hole park is not in the best interests of the people who play disc golf in Malabar. We had to go to great lengths to make this a full 18 hole course, and if the FDOT got advice to change it to a 9 hole course, they were not talking to anyone who designed the course, who built the course or who maintains the course.

Malabar Disc Golf Course has had a legacy of being the most technical and difficult course in the county, and we are proud of that. We have a few really long fairways, and many short and difficult ones. We have gone to great lengths to provide barriers and mandatory (mando) rules that prevent disc golfers from getting hit with errant discs, and we have been very successful with our safety record.

I took about ten years to make this course what it is, and Carl Beatty and Dick Korn helped us in the beginning. There is a lot of sweat equity in this course. I think I can speak for the designer of the course, Mark Miller, in saying that we want the course to stay an 18 hole course, and hopefully we will not have to make it even smaller than the 8.5 acres it is currently built on. Mark's number is (772) 766-5590.

Disc golf course designer Gene Verano from the FDOT contacted me a few months ago, and he seemed to have the best interests of our disc golf course in mind. He has designed several disc golf courses and can be reached at (386) 663-2754. I don't know if there is something political at hand, but it seems the people handling this project for the FDOT do not want his advice. He suggested we acquire some land to the east of the course to replace the land taken by the road widening project, and possibly even create a water feature for the course if a retention pond is needed in this area.

This is the kind of thinking we are open to... we want to keep our park at least as good as it is now, and if we can use this change to make it better, then we want to do that.

Debby: Please forward this email to all Park Board and Town Council members.

Thanks,

~Hans

~Hans Kemmler
Electronics Engineer Sr
Lockheed Martin