

**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
07/18/12 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 7:30 pm by Vice-Chair Vickie Thomas. The Prayer and Pledge were led by Vice-Chair Vickie Thomas.

**B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

**ROLL CALL:**

Maryann Marsh, Chair, excused for illness

Vickie Thomas, Vice-Chair

Bob Siegmann

Dick Korn

Bernadette Knudson, excused for vacation

Cynthia Kelley, Recording Secretary

For the record, Kelley announced that Council Member Carl Beatty was present. P & Z Member Charles "Bud" Ryan was also present.

**C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES:**

**D. PRESENTATIONS:** None

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 06/20/12**

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No.1

**Recommendation:** Motion to approve

Discussion: Siegmann brought several corrections to light. On page 2, convenience of WM said it was unsightly. He doesn't know what it means. Korn stated that while it was convenient for WM, it was unsightly. Page 2, third paragraph, third line, he know that Siegmann and Beatty should read "he knows that Siegmann and Beatty. Seventh line down; live should be "lived". Page 3, last paragraph, first sentence underneath motion, strike out "though if the decision".

**MOTION: Siegmann/Korn to approve the minutes from June 20, 2012 with corrections as noted. VOTE: All Ayes.**

**F. PUBLIC:**

Beatty came forward and addressed the Board regarding the Huggins Park upgrades. He visited the park and took an inventory of the equipment that is there. He provided a copy of the inventory listing to the Board members. He stated that the Huggins Park rehab is in the budget for next year; the money has been put into the budget. He advised the Board that if a change is going to be made, some things need to be done; he made some suggestions to the Board. The gazebo that is at Huggins Park should be moved to the Disc Golf Park and put a brand new one in the Huggins Park. Basically, the park is abandoned. There are three benches; you could keep them there or store them. They could be put by the fencing for seating. There is also a handicapped picnic table that would allow for a wheelchair at one end.

Korn stated that preliminary research had been done; it was put on the back burner because funds were not available at this time. Siegmann stated that Knudson and Marsh had been working on this project and have collected information regarding pricing for the shuffle board and bacchi ball courts. The information was put in a folder and it

will be there when the Board is ready to take action. Beatty stated that the equipment that is not being used in Huggins Park could be moved to other park areas. That way, the Board could start fitting Huggins Park for what they want to go in there. The swing set that is there has a bent leg; it could be cleaned up and pressures washed, painted and have the leg repaired. Donate it to the church in town. Siegmann stated that the equipment in the park had been discussed at an earlier meeting and it is a good possibility that it will be donated to the church. Korn suggested the swing be moved to the Malabar Community Park and enhance what we have there. It was stated that it is less than cost effective to repair and move the equipment. Siegmann stated that we need to be mindful of the safety issues; do what is needed to get rid of the liability to the Town.

Beatty stated the Board should decide about the equipment; maybe the church would come and pick it up or we could deliver it to them. Korn stated that we still need to maintain the park as it should be kept up. As the plans for Huggins Park develop, we will decide what we want to do with the equipment. The current Mayor is concerned about the promotion of the park; bringing in undesirables. We need to coordinate the movement of the equipment to transport it out of the park. Korn stated that one of the Council Members from Grant Valkaria is working on grant funds. There are funds out there for park renovations.

Bud Ryan came forward to address the Board. He is on the Taxpayer Review Board. The \$5,000 allocated in the budget doesn't mean that it will go through. Thomas stated that she is also part of the Taxpayer Review Board. She couldn't be at the first meeting as she was not available but is planning on being at the meeting of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Ryan stated that is good as she will be able to explain to them what the Park Board is trying to accomplish with Huggins Park. With her being there, maybe they will be able to keep the monies there and make a recommendation to Council to keep the funds there.

**G. ACTION:**

**2. Dedication to Mayor Eschenberg – Malabar Community Park**

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2

**Recommendation:** Recommendation to Council

Discussion: Thomas stated that this was brought up at the last meeting. She would like to see the pavilion or something dedicated to Mayor Eschenberg. He is the only elected official that has passed while in office. Korn stated that there is already a dedication to someone in the park. He asked Beatty who it was; Beatty stated it was John Calvington. Korn asked what the nature of that dedication was. Beatty stated it is a bronze plaque that was donated. It was setup in dedicating a Christmas tree that died. It got moved out of the way and was relocated under a Spruce tree. He was going to make a suggestion to the dedication to Mayor Eschenberg. Between the two gates at the parking lot on the north end, if you look on your original plan, there was a green area there. Right now, it's just grass growing there with nothing else. He was thinking that maybe you could come up with something where you could plant trees down the road and put a trail there and you could put the plaques up. It would be their own special place. It's where the parking is and in between all the activities in the park.

**MOTION: Korn/Siegmann to recommend to Council that they design and purchase a bronze or equivalent metal plaque honoring the service of Thomas Eschenberg to the community and the Town of Malabar. This plaque to be placed in an appropriate place, to be determined at a later date, in the Malabar Community Park.**

Korn stated they can get the plaque underway and we can decide what kind of venue; we ought to put it someplace, and Mr. Calvington's also, where it can be seen. Maybe we can come up with a commemorative garden. We could do this at a later date but we need to get the plaque underway right away while it is still fresh in our minds. Siegmann agreed with Korn with getting the plaque underway. Thomas asked if bronze was the best metal. Siegmann stated it will never go away.

Beatty stated you could get the plaque. Someone donated the last one; the large coquina rock. It can be put some place now and then it can be moved when the Board decides what they want to do. Thomas stated that we don't want to take away from the fanfare of dedicating it. It should be unveiled at a public ceremony with Mrs. Eschenberg. It was general consensus of the Board that this would be done with Mrs. Eschenberg being present. Beatty stated that it could be mounted on a rock to go through the process. Then, if you wanted to do a memorial park, you could move it and have others that may come up. Siegmann stated that this was a good idea. We would be open to future dedications.

Ryan came forward to address the Board. John Calvington was his neighbor and is due his respect. Tom Eschenberg, he can't think of another person who dedicated his life and time to this Town as he did; totally unselfishly. He set up the Eagle Corp and the Teen Council. There are so many things this man did. At the very least we need to do something significant in his memory. He would strongly suggest that the Board get in touch with his wife and family and find out what they would like. Thomas stated she had spoken to Mrs. Eschenberg but she was not able to talk about it at that time; she is grateful that the Board would even consider it. Ryan stated that their input be valuable. Siegmann stated that one of the things that are important is that the recommendation be put in and the wheels start turning. Thomas stated that any dedication have Mrs. Eschenberg's approval first.

**VOTE: All Ayes.**

Korn advised the Board that he will not be present for the August meeting as he is out of town.

**H. DISCUSSION:**

- 3. 17 Acres on Weber Road – Culvert Placement for Parking for Bicyclists**  
**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 3  
**Recommendation:** Discussion

Discussion: Kelley advised the Board that the next item was put on the agenda by Chair Maryann Marsh. May want to table this until such time as she is present to discuss.

Korn called a point of order here. He recommended that the Chair or someone here get with the TA about this as there are plans for the west side of Weber Road. There are plans to redo that entire ditch and put in new culverts and this may go along with them doing that renovation. We need to have that information before we can make that recommendation. The site preparation that was discussed in 2009 was over \$8,000; this is too much money. Beatty stated that this work being done, he thinks that the Park Board should get a free culvert out of this. Korn stated that the Town of Malabar should get the free culvert. Beatty stated if you put this off to another meeting, you are going to be past the time frame. Thomas asked Beatty if that meant we would lose our window of opportunity and he said yes.

Kelley advised the Board that the Town Administrator has announced a stormwater project on the west side of Weber from Malabar Road to Hall Road. As part of this project the Park Board would recommend (see below motion). However, there could be an issue with fiber optic cable. If the stormwater project does not proceed, the Park Board should still recommend placement of this culvert.

**MOTION: Korn/Siegmann to move to recommend to Council that in concurrence with their project of the drainage ditch and culvert replacements on the west side of Weber Road between Hall and Malabar, they also place a culvert for a driveway access into the 17 acre Florida Community Trust property belonging to Malabar.**

**VOTE: All Ayes.**

**I. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Old Business:**

**• Dumpsters at Malabar Community Park – Update from RTCM 07/0218/12**

Kelley reported that the dumpsters at the Malabar Community Park have been removed. Korn asked who cleaned up the mess after the dumpsters were removed. Part of the motion was for WM to clean up the area. Did Malabar's PW staff do this? Kelley stated she did not know; Siegmann stated that it was probably WM as they don't want to ruffle feathers.

Korn talked about the trilogy of flag poles. Mr. Vail donated a flag pole; \$500 was budgeted for third. Korn as that to be placed on hold; has had flag pole donated. The pole is at Public Works; has not seen it, boxed up and came from Orlando. Recommend that sometime within the next few months, they be placed. He asked Siegmann to design how this would go and make recommendation to Council. Maybe put a garden at the base of the poles to honor those gone before us. Thomas stated that Indian Harbor Beach has done this to honor their fallen soldiers from their town. Thomas stated that there should be a distinction between the fallen soldiers and those who have served the Town, different areas. Beatty stated that on the flag pole; we have an existing one. The pole that Mr. Korn is speaking of may not match what we have. Thomas stated that they are not supposed to match. Korn stated it is aluminum and Vail has said that his is aluminum in one piece. Korn said they should match. Thomas stated she was speaking of matching size wise. Siegmann stated that the flag pole we have now needs some refurbishing. Korn stated that Siegmann could look at that and decide, he thought. Thomas stated it was an excellent idea to have a committee of one

**MOTION: Korn/Thomas moved to have Siegmann as the committee of one.**  
**VOTE: All Ayes.**

Ryan stated this is a good idea and there should be an area set aside in memory; Beatty said that it should be a specific area so that people can go and know that this is what it is for. Korn stated that he didn't know until this morning we had a plaque out there honoring Mr. Calvington.

Ryan asked Korn about his son. Korn gave a brief over-view of what took place. He was killed April 3, 2003, in Iraq after being there for six days. He was killed by friendly fire. He was a Captain.

**New Business:** None

**J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:**

- **Cameron Preserve – Thomas**

Thomas reported picnic table is still overgrown with weeds. Motorized vehicles still going into park; looks like from the Glenn Brook area. She has asked that the area around the picnic table be cleaned up.

- **Disc Golf Park – Knudson**

Knudson was excused. Korn stated that it looks good and is busy.

- **Fern Creek Crossing Park – Siegmann**

Siegmann reported looks good.

- **Huggins Park – Marsh**

Marsh was excused.

- **Malabar Community Park – Korn & Thomas**

Thomas reported she went today and looks good. The park benches by the children's area still needs attention; they are moldy and need a good scrubbing. They need some Clorox or something. Korn asked what the protocol is to have PW take care of this. Kelley stated she cannot ask PW staff to do anything; it will be given to the Town Administrator and she will direct staff. However, it was presented to the Town Administrator last month. We have had a lot of failing culverts that take priority. Korn stated he would like to have this done. Kelley stated she would provide it to the Town Administrator, but again, failing culverts take priority over cleaning park benches. Thomas stated that she is just bringing this to the attention of staff.

Korn reported that the park looks good.

- **Trailhead – Siegmann**

Siegmann reported looks good. The work has not begun on the Al Tuttle Trail south bound from the boundary canal to Malabar Road. But it will start; they are still looking for some funding.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, general consensus. **MOTION: Siegmann/Korn to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

By: Vickie Thomas

Vickie Thomas, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Cynthia Kelley

Cynthia Kelley, C.M.C.  
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 08/15/12