

**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
10/17/12 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 Chair MaryAnn Marsh. The Prayer and Pledge were led by Chair MaryAnn Marsh.

B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

ROLL CALL:

MaryAnn Marsh, Chair
Vickie Thomas, Vice-Chair
Bob Siegmann
Dick Korn, excused for work
Bernadette Knudson
Cynthia Kelley, Recording Secretary

Kelley reported to the Board about the Candidate Forum, the gazebo being moved and the calendars as a thank you to the Board.

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: None

D. PRESENTATIONS: NONE

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes**
Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 09/19/12
Exhibit: Agenda Report No.1
Recommendation: Motion to approve

Discussion: None

MOTION: Siegmann/Knudson to approve the minutes from September 19, 2012 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes.

F. PUBLIC:

G. ACTION:

H. DISCUSSION:

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

New Business: Save the Recreational Trails Program – Siegmann

Siegmann gave a brief overview of this program and stated that Florida Governor Rick Scott had opted out of the program. Kelley stated that after receiving correspondence from various entities in Florida, Governor Scott has opted back into the program. There is \$75,000 for non-motorized trails and \$800,000 for motorized trails.

Preliminary Draft of Bicycle Path for Malabar – Siegmann

Siegmann stated that he has been all over Florida with the exception of the pan handle. Everyone knows that bicycles and cars don't mix. The objectives are to keep the bikes off the high density roads. If possible, we are going to try to have four north/south and four east/west corridors. Most of the roads and bike trails in Malabar are already built. How do we know if they are compatible? They are low density traffic areas. Riding on Malabar Road is killer; he does it several times a week. There are two quick fixes. From Marie to the old daycare center, if they put it in, the rights of ways are there; millings could be put in and packed down and this bike trail would be done. It is doable and

pretty quick to be done. Another route is from Glatter Road down to Railroad Avenue to Town Hall; the right of way is already there but we would need to get the right of ways from the residents. These plans are preliminary, nothing is in stone. Knudson stated that these were very good ideas. The situation at the end of Hall at the west end where the barricade is, people are afraid of thieving at the apartments in Palm Bay at that end of town.

Siegmann gave a basic overview of the possible bike trails. Along Malabar Road, he would like to see a barrier along the road when it is 4 lanes. US 1 is also a state road and it could have bike paths as well. It's a rough overview, so the Board can have some input and is open to suggestions. There really isn't much left to do. The high density areas that can be taken care of right now is Marie Street to the daycare. Then go all the way down Glatter Road to West Railroad Avenue to Town Hall; this will keep people out of the line of traffic. There is also enough room on the west side of US 1 to build a bike path from border to border. Corey Road is good all the way down. He hadn't looked at the path at the Al Tuttle Trail.

Siegmann reported on the meeting in Deltona that he and his wife attended. This trail is very nice and what they are talking about is the St. John's to the sea loop. It started off with the Shingle Creek Regional Trail; it is being done in chunks.

The next area reported on was the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail Kennedy Space Center Loop Trail. This is very serious; this trail goes down A1A through the Space Center and US 1. There is the proposed Heart of Florida Greenway Loop which goes all the way down to St. Petersburg; it goes from one coast to the other and part of this is the Al Tuttle Trail.

Old Business: BPTAC Meeting – Pineda Causeway Pilot Program – Siegmann

Siegmann reported that he is the Town's representative and the Town Administrator is the alternate. He gave a brief overview of the three pilot programs. Pineda Causeway is in this program. He explained what would be happening on the causeway and how the cyclists would be protected from the high traffic.

Knudson asked who has the final say in which paths come. Siegmann stated he wasn't positive but they do want input from people regarding the bike paths. Thomas stated it would be good to all get together and have a meeting to get this accomplished.

At this time, the meeting for November was discussed as it is during the week of Thanksgiving. The meeting for November has been cancelled. Marsh asked about the meeting for December; Kelley stated that December's meeting is the week prior to the Christmas holiday. December meeting is on the calendar and will be held unless there is no quorum.

Recommendations to Council from 9/19/12 Park Board Meeting

Kelley provided update to the Board with a memo outlining the recommendations and what Council did.

J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- **Cameron Preserve – Thomas**

Thomas reported that the picnic table is still over-grown. She used to see the bicyclists stop and use to have a cold drink. Now no one is using this area of the park. Still are still motorized vehicles in the park. There is a netting mesh that the City of Palm Bay put in to keep the grass in place. It's like a big web; have had to help trapped animals free themselves. She felt the whole mesh thing should be taken out and replaced with something else like burlap. Over time, this will disintegrate.

- **Disc Golf Park – Knudson**

Knudson reported that everything is good at the park. Marsh stated that it's the most popular park we have. Knudson stated it was a brilliant idea to move the gazebo to this park; it was Council Member Beatty's idea.

- **Fern Creek Crossing Park – Siegmann**

Siegmann reported that it's there; with all the rain, it is very wet and scruffy looking.

- **Huggins Park – Marsh**

Marsh reported that it is the same.

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

Thomas reported that the park looks good; however, she ran into a friend and asked for input regarding the weed eating around the trees. The bark is being stripped from the trees as they are too close to them when doing the work. They should take a little more care in their weed eating.

Korn was excused.

Knudson stated that we should watch for boring beetles. She has lost all her pine trees; it only takes a month and the tree becomes barren and falls over. The Town may want to take some action before we lose the pines in the Disc Golf Park. The way you tell if you have them is that the pine needles turns orange; look at the ground and you will see the dust. The Extension Agency has been notified of this.

- **Trailhead – Siegmann**

Siegmann reported that it is still in good shape.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, general consensus. **MOTION: Siegmann/Thomas to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

By: Maryann Marsh
MaryAnn Marsh, Chair

ATTEST:

Cynthia Kelley
Cynthia Kelley, C.M.C.
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 01/16/13