TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
07/16/14 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 Vickie Thomas at 7:30 pm. Prayer and pledge was lead by Chair Vickie Thomas.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE

B. ROLL CALL

Chair Vickie Thomas
Vice Chair Bernadette Knudson
Hans Kemmler, excused for work purposes
Bill Sastram
Patricia Foster
Helena Ausley, Alternate
Board Secretary Cindi Kelley

Board secretary made note that Helena Ausley will act as a voting member at this meeting as Hans Kemmler is excused for work purposes.

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES

D. PRESENTATIONS

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 06/18/14
Exhibit: Agenda Report No.1
Recommendation: Motion to approve

Discussion: Knudson stated that there is one thing on page 4, last paragraph, stated that we get no feedback from the council. Kelley will look at it and make correction. She also stated that the Board would like to have the minutes from each council meeting.

MOTION: Knudson/Foster to approve the minutes of June 18, 2014 with corrections as noted. VOTE: All Ayes.

F. PUBLIC:

G. ACTION:

H. DISCUSSION:

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

New Business:

Old Business: Knudson stated that we should table the discussion for permits from EELs program; Foster stated that she was in the office and heard from Denine that they don't require a permit as they are within the State.

Basketball Court – Thomas did some research. If we were to get the distance between the tennis court and basketball court, it would have to go side-ways; it's about 80'. You can use a mini half court with only one basket. It costs $9,000; a full-size court is about $25,000 to $30,000. If we could get donations and in-kind work, we could save a lot of money; she is getting some quotes on this. She is speaking with people at Satellite

Beach about bench information. We are way under budget for what we could be; they have kiosks way above what we have. There are a lot of places where we could use benches. It would be good to have donations and have them dedicated by the family members, have benches in their honor. Knudson stated that we need to have a plan; can't just put benches out everywhere. Kelley stated that once it is presented and approved by Council, we could do several articles in the Mailboat to get the information out to people. Thomas stated that we should start a wish list and get prices to give information to the residents and public.

Thomas brought up the history of Malabar was 1962; the Town of Malabar has a much earlier beginning; they ran out of money. Local paper printed in February 1927. A copy of the article will be provided to Kelley to get out to the Board.

Flag poles were going to be reported by Dick Korn but he is not here. Knudson asked who would be putting them up. Thomas stated that she deferred it to Korn. Kelley stated that Jim Clevenger is erecting the poles and will follow the ~~adequate~~ etiquette of the poles.

Knudson stated that the new signs are up and they look great. The positioning of the signs was very well done. Kelley will call Artistic Signs to see what the charge would be for the lettering. Coming Events (for the size of the space) to be placed under the seal.

Kelley will see if the rumor of a turn lane at Weber Road has been approved; Thomas heard something through the grape vine.

K. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- **Cameron Preserve – Thomas**

Thomas reported that it is under water; no changes. Would like to see the picnic table taken care of with weed eating.

- **Disc Golf Park – Kemmler**

Kemmler is excused. Knudson stated it is under water

- **Thomas M. Eschenberg Memorial Park – Knudson**

Knudson reported that it looks good since they took the bush hog in and removed the pepper trees. She would like to see one more bench out there. The grass is really tall and needs to be cut. It is a gem and we really need to keep it up. There is so much potential there. Thomas asked about a picnic table; it must be kept passive. Knudson stated that she thinks a bench; it's something to think about.

Sastram stated that he talked to the TA about this; it's a passive park and he did some research. There is no motor vehicle allowed with the exception of the maintenance vehicles. You can have a bike path, horse path, walking path. You can have camping with no camp fires. Thomas stated that she was asked about walking dogs back there. Sastram stated it would be up to the Board. Knudson stated that we could do another section and step back and take a look at it. It's not something that could be done all at once. Sastram stated that it shouldn't be farther than the house. Knudson stated that if

we did another 100', it would be incredible. Thomas stated that Doug Proctor would be donating; they are working on a plan. The pepper trees go first; finish bush hogging it. Step 2 would be creating little islands and step 3 would be the planting. Knudson stated she would like to see that palm trees labeled. Foster stated also who donated the vegetation. Knudson stated she would like to see it as a butterfly sanctuary. Foster stated that volunteers and donations would be great in the Mailboat. Maybe a garden club would be interested in this project. Thomas stated that we could have a blog to get the information out and get ideas for this.

MOTION: Sastram/Knudson to recommend to Council that an additional 100' deeper into the Thomas M. Eschenberg Memorial Park be bush hogged.

Foster asked if this would be kept up. Knudson stated that they need to cut the grass and if we do another section, we need to have a plan. Foster stated that it is hard to get out with a horse trailer. People wouldn't want to use it if they can't get out. Thomas asked how many feet would be needed for horse trailer parking. Sastram stated that we could do a circle behind the bench and sign. Foster stated a roundabout would also work. Knudson stated that right now she wouldn't ride a horse there because it still needs to be cleaned up; you can't see what the horse would be walking over. It could be dangerous for the animals at this time until it is cleaned up.

Foster stated that one reason she wanted to be on the board was to get people on the west side to have a trail for horses. Knudson stated that they could go to the park on Marie Street; there is a parking area that will house trailers and three lakes to ride around. Thomas stated that Foster is looking to have a trail on the west side of town.

VOTE: All Ayes.

- **Fern Creek Crossing Park – Sastram**

Sastram reported that under water; no change

- **Huggins Park – Knudson**

Knudson reported that she hasn't gone over there. Thomas stated that we have a complaint from Mrs. Webb; missed going over there with the grandchildren and asked why the equipment was taken away. Thomas stated that the equipment was not safe and it was taken by the church; she is a member and was fine with it. She was invited to come to the meetings.

Malabar Community Park – Foster

Foster reported that there are three items that need attention. A bench on the west side of the park has been taken care of. The pipe that drains towards the parking lot has been addressed. An alligator is in the pond; it appears that it has been being fed. A trapper was contacted and he couldn't see it. Foster stated that she was out in the park and called the Town to see if the trapper could come out. Sastram stated that there is a state law with feeding alligators.

The fence that was discussed at the last meeting will be a huge job. It is overgrown and needs more than what she thought. She stated that the pepper trees have taken over; the area by the Fire Department is the worst. Thomas asked if it is something that

should be addressed now or later. Knudson stated that this is something that should be added to the wish list. Thomas asked if we should do a donation for the pickets for the fence. Foster stated that slats are $5.50 at Home Depot. Knudson stated that this is a long fence; should be taken care of in sections. Clear it out of the trees first to see what is needed. Start at Malabar Road and work through it.

Knudson stated that the minutes are really important; Kelley will provide the T&G draft minutes as soon as they are done.

- **Trails & Greenways Liaison Report – Kemmler**

Kemmler is excused.

Sastram asked if the motion will be given to the Council; Kelley stated that she would do a memo first thing in the morning.

Thomas asked if there is anything that needs to be brought up to the TA. Sastram stated that the donation of plants needs to be taken serious; we can't take anything right away because they can't be planted right away. Knudson asked if there could be a pond put in. It would be boring to ride around 17 acres with nothing to see. Thomas stated that it sounds like we have a plan. Sastram stated that palm trees transplant real easy with construction happening. Thomas asked that everyone put their ideas together and we will put it out for donations. Foster asked about going to Melbourne to see how their garden club came about. Knudson stated that would be a great idea. Sastram stated that day lilies would be good as well. Ponds attract the birds. Kelley will look into emailing a map of the Eschenberg Park to the Board.

Sastram mentioned that concrete benches could be made by the prisoners; they are made with molds that are 2 x 6 and they benches could be replaced as needed with the concrete benches. Thomas asked if we could get them; Sastram stated any jail does them. Thomas asked Sastram to provide information on this at the next meeting.

Thomas stated that Adam Parsons, working on the website, hasn't made much headway; she will talk to TA about this.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, general consensus. **MOTION: Sastram/Knudson** to adjourn the meeting. **VOTE:** All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

By: Vickie Thomas
Vickie Thomas, Chair

ATTEST:

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

Date Approved: 08/20/14
with correction noted