

**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
08/20/15 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
Vickie Thomas, Vice Chair
Patricia Foster
Helena Ausley
Board Secretary Cynthia Kelley

Also present is Tom Taylor, he goes before Council Monday, 8/24/15, to be appointed to the Park Board.

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES:

D. PRESENTATIONS: None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes**
Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 06/17/15
Exhibit: Agenda Report No.1
Recommendation: Motion to approve

Discussion: Kemmler stated he reviewed the minutes and found no corrections.

MOTION: Foster/Thomas moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015 as presented.

VOTE: All Ayes.

F. PUBLIC:

G. ACTION:

H. DISCUSSION:

2. **Shade Structure Discussion**
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Recommendation: Discussion and Recommendation

Discussion: Kemmler provided information regarding companies for the shade structure for the playground equipment. Playmore Playground Equipment wants \$35,000 for a new shade structure. This is way out of the budget for the 15/16 FY. Thomas asked if a loop could be put on the structure and help put it back on the equipment. Kelley explained that with all the repairs, the shade structure has been shortened and cannot be stretched to go over the equipment; it continues to rip. Staff is in the process of getting quotes for a shade structure sail that will be in four pieces. Kemmler stated that he provided information with stainless steel hardware to be used when attaching the sails to the playground equipment. We need to make sure we use these as it will last for a very long period of time. These sails will allow the air to flow through without causing ripping or tearing of the fabric used. Kelley stated that Denine Sherear is in the process of getting quotes from other companies; when she has the information, it will be given to Debby Franklin. It may also need to go to Council to decide which quote to use. Kemmler stated that he would like the quotes to be brought to the Park Board for review as they have had experience with the structure and know what they are looking for to replace it with. Kelley stated that she

believes one quote came in at around \$6500 but she isn't sure of the exact quoted amount. Kemmler would like the Board to review the quotes and make a recommendation to Council.

At this time, no action was needed by the Park Board.

3. Maintenance of Playground – Inspection and Maintenance if Needed

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3

Recommendation: Discussion and Recommendation

Discussion: Kemmler stated that he asked this to be put on the agenda for discussion; it is time to look at the equipment and see what needs to be done for the maintenance to it. Thomas stated that she has the paint that was left from the last maintenance work day. We need to wait until the rainy season is done; we, the Board, has had a work day in the past to take care of this when it is not raining. It is general consensus of the Board to wait until the dry season to address this issue.

At this time, no action was needed by the Park Board.

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

New Business:

Helena Ausley stated that she will be resigning as of this evening. She is having issues with being able to hear and feels that she needs to step down from the Board at this time. The Board thanked her for her time and efforts while serving the Town.

Old Business:

Thomas stated that the Board had asked about the oyster gardening and mats. Kemmler stated that he had looked into this and the water quality of the Indian River Lagoon. He stated that the water quality is being monitored and there isn't any need for assistance from anyone at this time. Thomas stated that they are looking for volunteers to make the oyster mats if anyone is interested in this.

J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

• Cameron Preserve – Thomas

Thomas reported that she hasn't been able to walk lately due to all the water. She and her husband, David, have noticed that there are still a lot of motorized vehicles using the trails. The kiosk looks really good; they have been picking up the trash along the trails when they are out there. She stated that there is a lot more traffic on the trails as well. She hasn't been out there for the last two months. Once it clears up, she will be able to give a report on the trees. Cameron Preserve is doing just fine.

Kemmler stated that his is the liaison for the T&G Committee and the Park Board; he stated that the T&G Committee was working on getting some donated trees to be placed at the Cameron Preserve at the picnic area for shade. However, as of now, this has fallen through. The Board many want to look at getting some trees out there in that area for shade. The HOA of Country Cove stated that the T&G Committee members would be able to use their water to care for the trees until they take root. Kemmler also advised the Board that the committee is working on getting the trails to be one way to keep from having accidents with bikers running into the

pedestrians using the trails. They are working with the EELs program to coordinate the colors of the trails for the signage to be put out. He will keep the Board up to date on this as it develops.

- **Disc Golf Park – Kemmler**

Kemmler reported that things are going well out there. There are a few wet spots, but if it remains dry for a few days, the water is taken care of. They are able to play at least twice a week at this time. All the signs are up; they mow out there about once a month. Nothing needs to be done at this park at this time.

- **Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Park - Kemmler**

Kemmler reported that he hasn't been out there for a while. Foster stated that it is very crowded on Tuesdays with the cyclists. Kemmler stated that he petitioned to have more land cleared for parking but there wasn't money in the budget for that. Kemmler stated that this will be a long term project and will need some muscle. There is going to have to be something put down to make it passable. Thomas stated that it should be a boardwalk as it won't impede anything out there. This is something that the Park Board is continually discussing to come up with ideas for this park.

- **Fern Creek Crossing Park – Ausley**

Foster reported that it is still getting used a lot; needs to be mowed now. Thomas stated that she sees people taking photographs over there. Foster thought of having a little bench there; it reminds her of another park that has a "cupboard" with books in it for those who would like to sit and read. This is an idea for this park.

- **Huggins Park – CLOSED**

Kemmler gave Taylor information regarding the park; it has been closed for some time. The playground equipment that was out there has been removed and donated to the Malabar Baptist Church. He stated that this park is clay for the Board to mold; there has been discussion for ideas with bocce ball and shuffle board; at one time, it was discussed to have a community center built out there with grant funds. Kemmler asked that Thomas go and look at the park and see if he has any ideas to bring to the Board as to what to do with it.

Taylor stated that his interest is with the Thomas M. Eschenberg Memorial Park. Thomas stated that it has to stay as a passive park; no playground equipment. Kemmler stated that it can be used for camping, it can have a disc golf park on it, hiking, etc. Taylor asked if it could be cleaned up. Kemmler stated that it can be; we, the Board, have asked for the prisoners to help clear out the invasive Brazilian Pepper trees but it hasn't happened as of yet.

Thomas stated that she didn't know Mr. Taylor very well; she asked what he would be bringing to the Board. He stated that he has managed and knows how to get things done. He gave a little background of what he does as a sub-contractor for some of the areas businesses and local medical buildings. Kelley advised the Board that he is very involved with Springfest and has taken charge of the hay rides and giving people rides back and forth to their vehicles during the day of the event. She stated that he is key to the Springfest Committee.

• **Malabar Community Park – Foster**

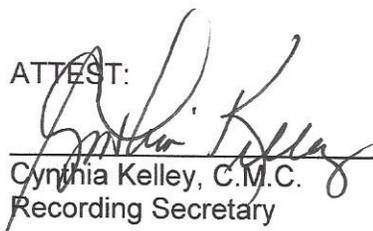
Foster reported that it is freshly mowed; there are always people out there. Thomas asked about the bathrooms; Foster stated they are doing well. The yellow cushions around the ball field fence are coming up. As you come in the back, there is a camera there. Foster asked what it is for. Kelley stated that is part of the security system that lets us know if anything is going on in the park that shouldn't be. Kemmler stated that it is manned at the Fire Department; he was key in having the system put in. Foster asked who should be contacted while we have no TA. Kelley stated that Franklin should be contacted. Kemmler asked how long it will take for a new TA; Kelley stated at least one to two months. Foster stated that the map in the kiosk is out dated. Kemmler stated he will check the size of the map and get this addressed.

Kemmler gave a brief report on the ADA restroom for the Sand Hill Trail Head. We now have to dig a new well; it is in the works. Kelley reported that Advanced Plumbing had been contacted and they picked up the drawing yesterday to provide a quote. Once we have it, Kelley will let the Board know. Kemmler stated that the town engineer will be in tomorrow and he will be meeting with Murray Hann to get an update on the well and what needs to be done to get this project completed. Kelley stated that Heidi Krueger was one of the companies contacted for drilling the new well.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, general consensus. **MOTION: Foster/Thomas to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

By: 
Hans Kemmler, Chair

ATTEST:

Cynthia Kelley, C.M.C.
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 9/16/15