TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
10/21/15 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 7:39 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
Tom Taylor
Board Secretary Cynthia Kelley

For the record, CM Krieger is in the audience.

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: None

D. PRESENTATIONS: Thomas would like to ring the bell and have a moment of silence for Board Member Helena Ausley who passed last week. CM Krieger rang the bell and the Board took a moment of silence.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 09/16/15
Exhibit: Agenda Report No.1
Recommendation: Motion to approve

Discussion: Kemmler asked if anyone looked over the minutes; Thomas stated she did and all is good. Kemmler stated that there are no corrections to be made.

MOTION: Thomas/Taylor moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2015 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes.

F. PUBLIC:

G. ACTION:

2. Road Re-stabilization at the Sand Hill Trail Head
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Recommendation: Discussion & Recommendation

Discussion: Kelley stated that this came from the T&G Committee; the Trail Head needs to have the parking area re-established or refurbished. Bob Wilbur was recommending crushed coquina. Kemmler stated that any time that recommendations come about, we've been told that Council trimmed the budget another $126,000. Taylor stated that he would not be for this; it is good one day and mush the next when it rains. Kemmler stated that this was good; he's had it done and it's lasted over 10 years. Taylor stated that as long as the water is recessed and can drain, it won't be an issue. However, if the area doesn't drain well, it will be a hardship. We are hurting for money and we have free product coming up when they do Malabar Road. Kemmler stated that the project is about 10 years out. Thomas asked if the crushed coquina was good for horses. Kemmler stated that it would be fine for the horses to walk on. Kemmler stated that the T&G Committee has come to the Park Board and is asking for support on this. Kemmler stated that this would be through the T&G Committee and their budget; he would be for this. Kemmler asked how Thomas would be with this. She trusts the judgement of Bob Wilbur. She does respect Taylor's opinion but this could be 10 years away for widening Malabar Road. Kemmler stated that one whole barge for coquina is a little over $1,200. Taylor volunteered to get the millings and

spread it himself. Kemmler stated that the dust is terrible when it is dry. Taylor stated that you can cure the problem of dust with the millings by spraying it with coconut oil. Kemmler stated we have two options; use road millings or we can make a motion to approve their request for the coquina to Council. Thomas stated she is assuming that they've done their due diligence and chose the coquina over the millings because it's the natural product where the millings are not. Taylor stated that need to get quotes on 3 products and the reasoning for their choice of product. Kemmler stated that the T&G Committee tries to make the trails and greenways to be more habitable and easy to use. Taylor stated, to be fair, they should give us 3 choices and their reasons. Thomas stated that part of the reason is that coquina is natural. She walks in the trails all the time, strips of carpet are not natural; the natural argument does not hold water to her. Taylor stated that they have $1,000 for the year; they want to spend it on this all at once. He wants to know the size of the area as well. Kemmler stated that it's hard to say because of the way people park out there; the area can be as big as you want. An area for five to six cars would be good. Kemmler stated that an 18' foot truck load would cover that size area. Coquina will also be tracked into the restroom. Taylor wants to have the T&G Committee provide 3 choices and the total costs involved. This will not be voted on this evening; goes back to T&G Committee for more information. This will be on the next Park Board agenda for the November meeting.

3. **Drainage Solutions for Marie Street Trail Head**
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Recommendation: Discussion & Recommendation

Discussion: Kemmler read the agenda report into the record. The water gathers the most in the northwest corner; it is the deepest area. Don't know where the best place is to have the water to drain. The expenditure of funds would be the time charged by the Town Engineer. Do we want to make a recommendation to Council to have him look at the area? Both Thomas and Taylor stated that it would be funds well spent to have the engineer look at this for drainage options.
MOTION: Thomas / Taylor moved to recommend to Council that Morris Smith evaluate the drainage issues at the Sand Hill Trail Head on north Marie Street. VOTE: All Ayes.

4. **Canoe Landing @ North End of Rocky Point**
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Recommendation: Discussion & Recommendation

Discussion: Kemmler stated he made contact with the State to see who owns this property. It is a triangle piece of land; it is not on the tax rolls. Kemmler stated that he believes it is a developer that owns it. It is a State managed ROW and not being used. He was advised that we could lease this piece of land; how much would it cost? Kemmler stated he was told that if it was used for public use, the fee would be zero dollars. He said it will take about 4 to 6 months to get the lease finalized. Taylor stated it gives them control over it and their way of ingress/egress to the property. Taylor asked if we would try to put restrooms in there and such. Kemmler stated that this will be used as way to access the water; an area to be used as parking for launching kayaks and canoes. Taylor stated that we are getting into recreational and water stuff; what is our insurance liability. Kelley stated this is a question that she would have to ask as she didn't know this would come up. She will get with Franklin and provide information to Board. Taylor stated that we are trying to keep the costs down; he loves donations as long as there isn't a fish hook attached to it. Thomas stated that there is always a certain amount of risk when you go into a park. Taylor stated these are issues that need to be looked at; he's for this as long as we are covered for the activities in the park. Kemmler stated that the Council will look at the information

and they look at the liability and discuss this with the attorney at the time of the Council meeting. Thomas is in agreement with Kemmler; Kemmler doesn't want to let this go. We are an advisory board. If we shoot this down tonight, they will never see it. Taylor stated that he's not trying to shoot it down; he just wants to make sure that Town has no issues. If there is a problem, we don't need an attorney to figure it out; the attorney will finalize the information. Kemmler made mention of a previous board member who spent a lot of time telling the board of all the wrongs being done in the park. He doesn't want to see this happen with Taylor. Kemmler stated that, after discussion, we need to make a recommendation to Council or not. Taylor stated he sees no point to rush on this. We have concerns that need to be looked out. Kemmler stated that we will, more than likely, have to budget for a kiosk and bench in next year's budget. Thomas stated that, in government, nothing gets rushed through.

MOTION: Thomas / Taylor moved to recommend to Council to lease the land at the north end of Rocky Point. VOTE: All Ayes.

H. DISCUSSION:

5. Update on Playground Shade Structure

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Kelley stated she thought it was up; Kemmler and Taylor stated that it is not up. Krieger stated that it was sent back to be repaired because there was another issue. Taylor asked where it was ripped; Kemmler gave some information on this. Kelley stated she would get with Franklin in the morning and get an update on this. She will send out a blanket email to everyone. Taylor asked about the bids on a new one. Kemmler stated that Denine Sherear has been working on this. He gave some background on this. Kemmler has expressed the notion, when we can spend funds on this, there is a company that will build it to the measurements and how we want to attach it to the equipment. They will make a cover for just that section; held on with stainless steel attachments. Kelley stated that this was talked about at the last meeting; Taylor was going to get information on this. Taylor stated that he wants to make sure he's getting the right thing. He will get it for the next meeting. Taylor stated he will make it the way we want it. Kemmler stated that the material used to close the gap is thin like seat belt material. Kemmler will be arranging time to get to the park to take the measurements by the next meeting.

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

New Business: Thomas asked about a bench for the Fern Creek Crossing in honor of Helena Ausley with a little plaque. Kelley will get with Denine Sherear to get a cost of the bench. The church people would like to put the funds together for this and donate it to the Town in her memory. This will be on the agenda for the November meeting.

Old Business: None

J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- **Cameron Preserve – Thomas**

Thomas reported that for a while they couldn't walk the trails due to all the rain. It is now drier; can take alternate trails to get all the way through. The PW staff have been doing a great job; the picnic table is in good shape, weeds are being taken out by PW with weed eating. Some of the trees are down; Kemmler stated that it could be T&G Committee. A couple of the yellow diamond

markers are down because the trees are down. The T&G Committee is in the process of creating one-way trails with the EELs Program.

- **Disc Golf Park – Kemmler**

Kemmler reported that it is absolutely gorgeous; cutting will take place every 4 to 6 weeks due to the budget. Kemmler state this may be okay until the rainy season hits again. He also stated that we are considering taking some of the funds that people pay to play and buying a lawn mower to do the mowing themselves. Thomas stated she didn't think they could do this due to liability; Kemmler stated that they did this in the past. He said the park looks great at this time.

- **Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Park - Kemmler & Taylor**

Taylor stated that it is wet in the back; when the dryer season hits, he will take his tractor back there and look around. A rough estimate for parking, due to the use, would be to double it. Depending on how wet it is, may need to put something in there to keep the water to a minimum. He doesn't have a problem asking for donations from the group that is using the area.

Kemmler stated that we have been working on trying to get the trees out or the park; Taylor stated to get prisoners out there. He also stated that there is a fence out there; need to be careful in that area. Thomas asked about using Round Up; use it in this area. Kemmler stated to cut them down and within 30 minutes put the chemical on it. Taylor said to pull them out, roots and all. Kemmler will ask about the prisoners coming out to do this work. We have an obligation, in writing, to take care of the trails and getting rid of the invasive trees out there. We haven't been doing this.

- **Fern Creek Crossing Park – Thomas**

Taylor reported that it is freshly mowed. The branches that have been broken on the palm trees needs to be taken off; they could be a danger to people and they need to be removed. Parking is very limited at this park. Kemmler stated that we have entertained moving the fence to the west a little bit. They also park across the street at the church; a bigger area to do this. Thomas stated that people usually stop there and use the park as a photo opportunity. Taylor asked if we can take out a palm tree. Kemmler stated we could; we can also entertain moving the fence. Taylor stated taking out a tree would allow parking for 2 to 3 cars off Corey Road. Take the first tree out and move the fence over; we could get a telephone pole (16' long) and put down to stop the cars. Kemmler stated that they could use the tree at the Disc Golf Park if it were to be taken out of the Fern Creek Crossing Park.

Huggins Park – CLOSED

This park is closed at this time. Thomas stated that she's had people ask what we are doing with this park. Kemmler stated those people need to come to the meeting and make their suggestions known. Thomas stated we need to maintain what we have; where is the money coming from. Knudson did a project on this park for bacchi ball and shuffle board when she was on the Board. Kemmler stated that we will entertain any idea but we need to have funding for doing whatever we put in.

- **Malabar Community Park – Taylor**

Thomas stated that she has been approached for more basketball. Taylor reported that his grandson plays soccer there. His wife was there; she got her feet wet. Taylor stated that there were problems with the materials used on the soccer field. Kemmler stated that this was taken

care of a long time ago; Taylor stated that the problem with the shell layer is that the water isn't going down. Kemmler stated that this season has been the worst for rain. Taylor stated we need to look at this and remember for next year. The only way to beat it is to put drain lines in it 10 to 12 inches into the shell or put holes down in and fill with rocks to move the water. Kemmler stated we will look at this and keep it in mind.

Taylor stated that the fence at the baseball field on the north side has some rails down. Grass was long for a bit. We need to use the box blade on the tractor on the road that goes to the soccer filed while is it wet to smooth it out. The parking lot needs two loads of millings to fill in the holes once the road is graded.

Kemmler stated that this will need to on the agenda; need to make a motion to Council for the changes being proposed at Fern Creek Crossing Park for the parking and also the soccer field road improvement and soccer field. Kemmler stated he will get with the TA and see if this can be don once he starts his position. Taylor asked why he can't speak to Franklin about having the PW Director getting this done. Kemmler commented that when he's asked in the past for the PW staff to act on something, he's always been told that they are busy doing other projects. He will get with Franklin and make the requests knows. Taylor stated he wants to know what it will take to get the box blade and grade the road to the soccer field done.

Taylor stated he will work on the drawing for Fern Creek Crossing. It's a nice area; needs to be cleaned out some more and have some color added to it. We could look for donations for this. It hasn't been touched since Bobbi Moccia left.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, general consensus. **MOTION: Thomas / Taylor to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

By: _____
Hans Kemmler, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Cynthia Kelley, C.M.C
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 11/18/15