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TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
12/16/15 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 7:34 pm. Prayer and pledge was led by Chair Hans Kemmler.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE

B. ROLL CALL

Chair Hans Kemmler
Vice-Chair Vickie Thomas
Tom Taylor
Board Secretary Cynthia Kelley

For the record, CM Grant Ball was in the audience.

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: None

D. PRESENTATIONS

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Park and Recreation Meeting – 11/18/15
Exhibit: Agenda Report No.1
Recommendation: Motion to approve

Discussion: Thomas stated she invited Patty Foster to the meeting regarding the Fern Creek Crossing to the meeting for her opinion. No corrections to the minutes at this time.
MOTION: Thomas / Taylor to approve the minutes of 11/18/15 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes.

F. PUBLIC:

G. ACTION:

2. Shade Structure for Playground Equipment at Malabar Community Park
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Recommendation: Discussion and action

Discussion: Kemmler brought to the Board again for discussion and action. This has been talked about for the last several meetings. He met with TA regarding this matter. He gave an overview of the meeting with the TA. Probable cost is about $5,000 to $6,000 to complete this project. Kemmler is asking for a motion to have the Board recommend to Council to put this expense in the 16/17 FY.

CM Ball spoke to this; he gave an overview of information that he found and provided to the TA. He feels the Board is going down the same road that he is steering towards.

Kemmler is looking to get quotes for the costs for the project. Taylor stated that he turned in information regarding this; the price was approximately $2500. The quote was turned into Franklin. Kemmler asked Taylor to get the information to the TA. Discussion took place regarding the design of the structure.

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At this time, no motion was made; still in the working stages of getting the design and quotes for the project before going to Council.

H. DISCUSSION:

3. Proposed Changes to Fern Creek Crossing Park to Include Parking Area
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Kemmler stated that the TA, Taylor and himself went out to look at this. The objective is to bring more people to the park as we don't see a lot of use in the park. Kemmler gave an overview of the proposal that may be recommended to Council. TA sent an email regarding the removal of a palm tree; he can arrange for the side of the road to be built up and parking area of 75' to 80' would be provided. Need to arrange a time to volunteer time to move the fence. The palm tree that needs to be moved will be moved by Doug Proctor of The Palm House. This process is done entirely by hand; it would be dug out by hand. The tree could be used at the Disc Golf Park; the TA has given permission for this work to be done. January 16th is a target date for the work day to be scheduled; Saturday at 9 am. The fence is in decent shape and shouldn't take too long to do this. Taylor wants both trees to be removed from the park for the parking area; the fence that is there to be moved as discussed but more fence added to the park to delineate the parking area. Kemmler stated, with these changes, the work party will not be able to happen until the Board decides what they want done in this park. Taylor stated he wants a controlled opening and the removal of two palm trees. TA will fill in the swale at both ends. This project is put on hold until we know if the two trees can be removed. No motion needed at this time.

After continuing the discussion, the work date set for January 16, 2016 at 9 am is on because the fence that is there still needs to be moved. Patty Foster came forward and addressed the Board. She has heard several times this evening that the park isn't being used. She stated the park is used all the time; she passes by several times a day and someone is always using the park, parking is done on both sides of the road. Mrs. Foster would like to have the park bench, in honor of her mother, facing the bridge in a raised area to keep it from being in the wet spots of the park. Kemmler stated that we will move the fence, have the stump removed and the tree removed on the 16th of January, 2016. Mrs. Foster will meet them out there to discuss the final area of placement for the park bench.

4. Donation of Bench at Fern Creek Crossing Park in Honor of Helena Ausley
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Thomas brought to the Board for the location. Foster gave the location of a grassy knoll, wants it to be in a high place facing the bridge. This was discussed above and as stated, Mrs. Foster will meet the group at the park on the 16th of January to make the final decision of where the bench should be placed. Kelley stated she will email the pricing of the benches to Mrs. Foster.

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5. Malabar Community Park Baseball Field Fence
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Kemmler brought this to the Board. Kelley stated that the TA has assigned this project to Skip Hard and the project is in the works.

6. FDOT Right-of-Way North End of Rocky Point
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Kemmler brought this to the Board for discussion. He gave information to the Board regarding this piece of land. FDOT cannot do anything with this until after the first of the New Year. People of Rocky Point are not in favor to this project.

Phil Sanders, 3450 Coquina Terrace, came forward to address the Board. He spoke to the Board regarding. He is trying to keep an open mind, but wants to hear all sides of the issue. He wants to see plans of what is being planned for the land. Kemmler spoke to this. Kelley offered the same information to Mr. Sanders regarding the minutes on the website as well as the audio on the website now. If you don't have access to the internet, please feel free to come to Town Hall and read the minutes; this is not the first time that water access has been discussed for the Town. Taylor spoke to this as well.

MOTION: Thomas / Taylor moved to continue meeting for 10 minutes at 9:05 pm. VOTE: All Ayes.

7. Thomas M. Eschenberg Memorial Park
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Kemmler gave overview of the changes he discussed with TA; doubling the parking lot. Thomas stated she would speak to Mrs. Eschenberg about moving the flowers and bench over and renaming the park to conservation land; doing this may be key in getting grants for improvements to this land.

8. Town Finances and Parks & Recreation Improvement/Maintenance
Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8
Recommendation: Discussion

Discussion: Kemmler stated he sent an email to TA & TC/T regarding budgeting and putting something out so people know what is happening and what has happened. This is being addressed in should be in the next issue of the Mailboat per the TC/T & TA.

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:
New Business: None
Old Business: None

J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- **Cameron Preserve – Thomas**

Thomas reported that it is looking good; she was skeptical about the carpet used on the trails but it is doing great. Garbage is being picked up. We've had a lot of water; trees

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