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**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** Karen Phillips; Bryan Pankhurst  
**Subject:** FW: Master Plan for Tradition Regional Park  
**Attachments:** [Tradition Master Plan\\_letter to PSL.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Can you please add to the agenda item for Monday's night Council Meeting?

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**Subject:** Master Plan for Tradition Regional Park

Mayor Oravec and Port St. Lucie Council Members,

Please find the attached letter of support for adding an 18-basket disc golf to phase 1 of the conceptual master plan for the proposed Tradition Regional Park.

Respectfully,

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Dec. 11, 2020

**To:** Mayor Oravec and Port St. Lucie Council Members

**From:** Erick Gill, Treasure Coast Disc Golf Club Secretary

**RE:** Tradition Regional Park Master Plan

The Treasure Coast Disc Golf Club, which is a local 501-c, non-profit organization, would like the Port St. Lucie Council to consider including an 18-basket disc golf course in the conceptual plan for Phase 1 on the Tradition Regional Park Master Plan.

Our group represents roughly 100 members from the three-county area. There are currently eight disc golf courses on the Treasure Coast, but only three of them currently feature 18 baskets. In order for the Club to host tournaments and events sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA), the government board requires that events be played at courses with a minimum of 18 baskets. One challenge we have with many of our courses is that they were built in areas that often hold water during the rainy season making them unplayable. We feel a new 18-basket course at the new Tradition Regional Park could be constructed to avoid the wet conditions, allowing us to host more events, bringing in players from around the state.

This past November, the Treasure Coast Disc Club hosted a PDGA-event at the Gordy Road Preserve and in spite of the wet conditions, the event filled up with 90 players in less than two days after the registration period opened. These events bring players in from outside the area, contributing to our sales and bed tax revenues.

Disc golf is a growing sport. Since 2015, the number of PDGA members has increased from 30,414 to 53,355 in 2019. ESPN and CBS both recently televised PDGA tournaments, helping to showcase the growth of the sport.

Most importantly, disc golf courses have a minimal impact on the environment compared to other recreational amenities. They don't require additional fertilizer or staff time to line fields. The Treasure Coast Disc Golf Club would even be willing to organize a fundraiser to assist with the purchase of baskets or materials for the tee pads. Club members have designed courses for other local municipalities and would love the opportunity to be involved in creating a course at the Tradition Regional Park. One member, who works for a local engineering firm, has already submitted a design to the consultant working on this Master Plan. Club members have also been contacted by members from the Vitalia Club, where there is a large group of disc golf players interested in having a new course installed at Tradition.

We look forward to your consideration and welcome the opportunity to help the City of Port St. Lucie develop at PDGA-caliber disc golf course inside the Tradition Regional Park.

Respectfully,

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