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Subject: Thank You for the Indian Hills Disc Golf Course

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Mayor Hudson and Fort Pierce City Commissioners,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the city staff for working with the Treasure Coast Disc Golf Club to complete Phase 2 of the new disc golf course at the Indian Hills Recreation Area.

About 18 months ago, I came before the City Commissioners during a workshop and asked the city to partner with our Club, which has more than 100 members from the three-county area, on creating an 18-basket disc golf course around the Public Works complex off Savannah Road. The Commission approved that concept and provided the funding. Our Club provided the design and labor to get the baskets ordered, built and installed. This past week, the Public Works staff hired a contractor to add 36 concrete tee pads for those baskets (we have long and short tees for nearly every basket – two only have one tee pad; while two of the longer holes have three).

The Club is extremely thankful for the city's support, especially Public Works Director Mike Reals and Facilities Manager Rick Stauffer. It exciting to work with staff to create the City of Fort Pierce's first disc golf course. Just last week, I ran into Mrs. Cooper, who lives nearby and walks the park often. She told me she has seen a huge increase in people playing the course and has seen a significant decrease in liter, as most disc golfers help pick up trash while they play.

I'm hoping the city and staff will continue to work with Treasure Coast Disc Golf on a Phase 3 – where we can make some additional improvements to the course, including signage for the baskets and tee pads. It might be a long shot, but if we could get restrooms at this course – it would allow us to host Professional Disc Golf Association-sanctioned tournaments at this site. These events could draw anywhere from 100 to 300 players from around the state to our area. Given Indian Hills proximity to downtown – an event like that could be a big boom for businesses downtown.

As 25-plus year resident, voter, homeowner and taxpayer – THANK YOU!

PS - I look forward to an official ribbon cutting.

Sincerely,

Erick Gill (Bonefish Court)

TCDG Secretary