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**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
March 16, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**

This meeting of the Malabar Parks and Rec Board was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road. It was called to order by Chair Bienvenu at 6:00 pm. Prayer and pledge were led by Chair Bienvenu.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Chair**

Eric Bienvenu - Present

**Vice-Chair**

Vicky Thomas – Present

**Members**

Tom Taylor – Present

Jennifer Bienvenu – EXCUSED

Hans Kemmler - Present

Parnel Jean – EXCUSED

Evan Hall – EXCUSED

**Recording Secretary**

Richard Kohler – Present

**Public**

**3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a) Approval of Minutes of 2/16/2022**

**MOTION: THOMAS/KEMMLER to accept the minutes of 2/16/2022 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**6. ACTION ITEMS:**

**7. DISCUSSION:**

**a. Potential Grant Opportunities**

VC Thomas states there are key issues with these dog parks. BM Kemmler states there was a member of the public who expressed interest, and it got rolling again.

**BM Kemmler/VC Thomas to direct staff to investigate more thoroughly.**

**All Ayes (4-0)**

Chair states he has discussed dog parks with Mr. Piloach. He has contributed to 5 dog parks in South Brevard. He is the owner of the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. Chair was directed to Mr. Piloach by a member of the Melbourne Parks and Recreation Department. They have done 3 parks ranging from \$50k - \$70k. The program was headed by a volunteer, who met with him at Eschenburg Park. There is City water, but no bathroom. He also wasn't sure if it would work at the Community Park. He set up a meeting for next week in Malabar.

BM Kemmler states it is important to have shade for the park.

Chair states shade and a wash station, as well as a bathroom are the most important areas for a dog park.

BM Kemmler states that he believes the Sandhill Trailhead would be excellent, but remembered some contention from the T&GC about that area.

The \$60k park, Mr. Piloch paid \$50k and the city paid the rest. However, he will expect community involvement and volunteers.

## 8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

### a) BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- Richard E. Cameron & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve – VC Thomas states that the Dog Waste bags in Cameron are being used. Secretary states staff is researching flat tire repair kit that can be installed in the Preserve. Secretary Kohler states that the T&GC has
- Disc Golf Sanctuary – BM Kemmler states that PW has been maintaining the park very well. He is also considering building a large swing for the 13<sup>th</sup> tee pad.
- Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Conservation Area – Chair states that the park has been well maintained. Should we ask the Bike group to be involved? They are losing trails, and this may be a good outlet. VC Thomas and BM Kemmler state that the area is very wet and may not be conducive to biking.
- Malabar Community Park – VC Thomas asks if the benches and trash containers have been cleaned. Secretary states that he has informed the PW Staff, and they stated they would take care of it.
- Sandhill Trail Head –

### b) Staff Reports –

### c) Next Scheduled Meeting

- April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6 PM

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. **MOTION: Thomas/Kemmler motion to adjourn the meeting**

**VOTE: All Ayes.** This meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

By:

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Eric Bienvenu, Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard W. Kohler  
Recording Secretary

**NOTE: THERE MAY BE ONE OR MORE MALABAR ELECTED OFFICIAL ATTENDING THIS MEETING**

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