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TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
December 15, 2021, 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 Eric Beinvenu at 6:00 pm. Prayer and pledge were led by Chair Eric Beinvenu.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE

2. ROLL CALL

Chair	Eric Bienvenu - Present
Vice-Chair	Vicky Thomas – Excused
Members	Tom Taylor - Present
	Jennifer Bienvenu – Present
	Hans Kemmler - Present
	Parnel Jean - Excused
	Evan Hall - Present (Voting for Thomas)
Recording Secretary	Richard Kohler – Present
Public	Annelie Harvey

3. SWEAR IN RETURNING MEMBERS

Secretary Kohler asked Member Jennifer Bienvenu to stand and read her Oath of Office.

4. NOMINATE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Board Members Kemmler/Taylor moves to name Eric Beinvenu as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board.
VOTE: All Ayes

Board Members Beinvenu/Kemmler moves to name Vickie Thomas as Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board.
VOTE: All Ayes

5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES

Secretary Kohler requests that Agenda Item 6.a, Approval of minutes of 07/12/2021 be added to the agenda.
MOTION: Kemmler/Beinvenu to add Agenda Item 6.a to the agenda. VOTE: All Ayes.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item 6.a Added

a) Approval of Minutes of 07/12/2021
MOTION: Kemmler/Beinvenu to accept the minutes of 07/12/2021 as presented. VOTE: All Ayes

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ACTION ITEMS:

9. DISCUSSION:

a. Required Maintenance at Disc Golf Sanctuary –

- Secretary Kohler explained that on November 4th, BM Kemmler informed Town Staff of multiple issues at the Malabar Disc Golf Sanctuary. Since then, all the issues have been resolved favorably. BM Kemmler stated that the landowner was unaware that his contractor did that, and thanked Town Staff for their work in the sanctuary.

b. Environmentally Endangered Lands (EELs) Plan to remove trees and land clear large portions of Malabar Scrub Sanctuary – East and West –

- Secretary Kohler gave a brief overview of the project and the Town's response to it. Chair Beinvenu stated that the Scrub Jay is an umbrella species for the area, and if it is good for that species, it is good for the rest. He then explained that the project encroaches on the Cameron Preserve. BM Hall explained that the SMC is a science-based committee appointed by the County Commission. BM Hall states that the project will not hurt the trails and may increase the use of the area for bird watchers. BM Hall questioned the title of the agenda item, and stated it is Land Management. He stated the EEL program dropped the ball on informing the public, but their science is sound.

c. New Projects/Ideas –

- Chair states we need some new ideas, such as a pavilion at Eschenburg park. BM Beinvenu states maybe a native Indian house at Eschenburg. BM Hall suggests permanent secondary restroom at Malabar Community Park. BM Beinvenu would like to investigate making our Tennis Court into a Pickleball court.

d. Permanent Porta-Potty in Malabar Community Park –

- Resident Annelie Harvey was recognized by the Board and requested a porta-potty for the park near the Baseball field or Playground. The playground has been updated and is getting much more use. BM Kemmler stated that porta-potty provided at the Disc Golf Sanctuary has been serviced well. He is in favor of this idea. Ms. Harvey suggested placing the porta-potty to the west of the Baseball Field. BM Beinvenu asks how hard would it be to install a new restroom? BM Kemmler states the ADA restroom at the Sandhill Trailhead was a long process and funded by grants. If we want a new bathroom, building one with Town funds would be easiest. Having said that, it would be a long and difficult process.

MOTION: KEMMLER/BEINVENU Recommend council rent an ADA Porta-potty for the Malabar Community Park VOTE: All Ayes (5-0)

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

a) BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- Richard E. Cameron & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve – BM Kemmler states he will research how to get a grant from Home Depot to help fund a pavilion at the entrance to the Preserve.

- Disc Golf Sanctuary – Kemmler – The park looks great, and the new company has done a great job with the Porta-Pottys.

- Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Conservation Area – N/A

- Malabar Community Park – Taylor/ Bienvenu – Chair suggested looking into dog park at either MCP or Eschenburg. BM Kemmler suggests a spot with some shade coverage. Chair asks about the pavilion for the Cameron Preserve. Secretary will research it. BM Hall reminds the Board to clear any changes with FCT.

- Sandhill Trail Head – None

b) Staff Reports – Chair requests Staff look into the requirements of spending the money from the sale of Fern Creek, and to research the Pavilion idea at Cameron Preserve.

c) Next Scheduled Meeting

- January 12th, 2022 6 PM

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, general consensus. **MOTION:** motion to adjourn the meeting **Kemmler/Beinvenu VOTE:** All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

By:

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Eric Bienvenu, Chair

ATTEST:

_____ Date Approved: 01/19/2022_____
Richard W. Kohler
Recording Secretary

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