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**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
January 19, 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 Vice-Chair Thomas 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 - EXCUSED

Vice-Chair

Vicky Thomas – Present

Members

Tom Taylor – Present

Jennifer Bienvenu – EXCUSED

Hans Kemmler - EXCUSED

Parnel Jean - EXCUSED

Evan Hall – Present (Voting for Kemmler)

Recording Secretary

Richard Kohler – Present

Public

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Minutes of 11/15/2021

MOTION: HALL/TAYLOR to accept the minutes of 12/15/2021 as presented.

VOTE: All Ayes

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. ACTION ITEMS:

7. DISCUSSION:

a. New Projects/Ideas Research

- Secretary Kohler informs the Board that included in the packet for tonight's meeting is a quote provided by T&GC Chair Thompson for a 10 x 10 pavilion. Also included are the dimensions required for a pickleball court. The tennis court area at Malabar Community Park is 140' x 65', which would safely allow 4 pickleball courts. Hall/Taylor moves to defer the discussion until the Bienvenues are back. General consensus is in agreement.
- Alan Wollard suggests moving the tennis nets to one end to allow for the back space to be used for pickle ball. Could also use NIDY (\$750) to stripe the field. Secretary Kohler states that he will research these options and bring back information to the next meeting.

b. Fern Creek Funds

- Secretary Kohler informs the Board of the requirements for spending the Fern Creek funds. The 5 items listed are a Pavilion, bird watching platform, Nature ID cards, Foot Bridges, and a dog park. We believe that the Cameron Trail Shelter suffices for the pavilion and bird watching platform. We have also investigated the possibility of using the QR codes placed along the trails in the Cameron Preserve as nature identifiers. VC Thomas states they have discussed these issues in the past. BM Hall suggests getting the costs of the CTS. BM Taylor suggests using metal, not wood in the preserve. Metal columns and fire treated wood, or metal roof on top of plywood. BM Hall suggests a similar size and style as the Sandhill Trailhead. The CTS will cause a FD member to guard it during a controlled burn.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

a) BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- Richard E. Cameron & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve – VC Thomas suggests better signage to prevent motorized vehicle. Also, the kiosk in Country Cove was moved. BM Hall states it was removed and is currently in the Grants Flatwood Sanctuary. Cameron Preserve has been well maintained. The EELs project will affect the preserve and the neighbors. The animals who live in there will be chased into yards. The people who are making these decisions are not living in our area.
 - Disc Golf Sanctuary –None.
 - Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Conservation Area – Taylor suggests filling the holes near the bench.
 - Malabar Community Park – Taylor states he is amazed by how many people were using the park tonight. He estimates about 20-30 people were there before tonight's meeting. He noted that the sunshade appears to not be attached properly. Suggests a space between Pickleball and Tennis. Also suggests looking into the Memorial Wall.
 - Sandhill Trail Head – Someone was using the firepit recently. The park is getting the standard use. Could we accept a donation to allow banyan to park there? Note for kiosk.
- b) Staff Reports – Secretary Kohler informs the Board that Council approved the purchase of name badges for Town Hall staff and Committee and Board members.
- c) Next Scheduled Meeting
- February 16th, 2022, 6 PM

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. **MOTION:** motion to adjourn the meeting **Hall/Taylor VOTE:** All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

By:

Vickie Thomas, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Richard W. Kohler
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

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

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