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**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
October 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 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 – Present
	Hans Kemmler - Present
	Parnel Jean – EXCUSED
	Evan Hall – Present
Recording Secretary	Richard Kohler – Present

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3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: NONE

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Minutes of 4/20/2022

MOTION: Thomas/Bienvenu to accept the minutes of 4/20/2022 as amended.

VOTE: All Ayes

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. ACTION ITEMS:

7. DISCUSSION:

a. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Goals

Secretary Kohler gave a brief overview of the projects discussed in the last year. Chair Bienvenu gave a brief explanation of the dog park project. VC Thomas stated that in her research, she didn't find much support from residents. BM Kemmler asks which location would get more use for the pavilion? Consensus is Cameron Preserve. VC Thomas states Eschenberg Park has more parking and gets use from several road bikers. BM Taylor states the use of the park has increased. BM Kemmler states that the pavilion at Huggins Park was never used, and when we moved it to the Golf Sanctuary it got lots of use. VC Thomas states that putting a pavilion at Eschenberg could turn it into a park where people can have parties and events. BM Taylor states he believes the current suggested pavilion is too small to protect people from rain or summer sun. BM Bienvenu states this quote covers exactly what the Board asked for. BM Taylor suggests changing the specs to be larger. BM Kemmler suggests keeping the same specs. BM Hall states if it is going in at Eschenberg, the risk of fire is less likely. BM Bienvenu states the quickest way to get a pavilion is to ask Council to support the current quote.

BM Bienvenu/BM Kemmler Move to recommend to Council that the quoted pavilion from Pro Playgrounds be purchased, to be installed in Eschenberg Park.

Motion Carries 4-1 (Taylor Nay)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

a) BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- Richard E. Cameron & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve – VC Thomas thanked the Trails and Greenways Committee for their hard work at the Cameron Preserve. They expedited the clean up after the Storm. Berry pickers have made a mess, but it has been cleaned up. Use of the park has increased a lot. BM Kemmler installed a few posts under the picnic bench there and it works very well. She would also support a smaller pavilion in the preserve, possibly with a veteran's memorial. Chair suggests combining forces with the T&GC to get a pavilion there eventually. She also thanked the Public Works department for their maintenance of the area.
- Disc Golf Sanctuary – BM Kemmler states the sanctuary is in good shape. They are working on updating their signs. The crew has worked to remove all palm fronds knocked down during Ian. The PW crew has done an excellent job mowing and maintaining the area. There is still a pile of debris on the third fairway.
- Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Conservation Area – None.
- Malabar Community Park – BM Bienvenu asks about the Malabar Historical House. BM Kemmler states there has been no progress.
- Sandhill Trail Head – BM Hall states the park was carpeted with palm fronds, but they have been removed. There have been some negative actors in the area, but they have been removed.
- BM Kemmler suggests improving the Town Seal outside Town Hall. VC Thomas suggests making the PW position part time to allow people to take it on as a second job. BM Taylor suggests using an outside contractor to fill PW positions.

b) Staff Reports – Secretary Kohler informed the Board that the Trails and Greenways Committee has purchased and will be installing several signs in and around the Cameron Preserve. Staff has received increased reports of vagrants in the parks, particularly Sandhill Trailhead. BCSO has been notified. He also informed the Board that Alternate Member Parnel Jean will not be renewing his membership, citing an increased workload. He stated that when his work schedule returns to normal, he looks forward to rejoining the Board.

c) Next Scheduled Meeting

- November 16th, 2022, 6 PM

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. **MOTION: Bienvenu/Kemmler** motion to adjourn the meeting
VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

By:


Eric Bienvenu, Chair

ATTEST:


Richard W. Kohler
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 2/15/23

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

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