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**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 15th, 2023, 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	Jennifer Bienvenu – Present
	Hans Kemmler - Present
	Evan Hall – Present
Recording Secretary	Richard Kohler – Present

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: NONE

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Minutes of 2/15/2023

MOTION: Thomas/Bienvenu to accept the minutes of 2/15/2023 as presented.

VOTE: All Ayes

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. ACTION ITEMS:

7. DISCUSSION:

a. FCT Grant Agreement Amendment

Secretary Kohler gave a brief overview of the history of the project. BM Kemmler asked if the group would prefer any of the options? General agreement is option 1 is the best, but is expensive. The Pavilion contractor has not given us the final quote, but we will use that to

BM Kemmler/BM Beinvenu moves to use option 1 if it is cost effective, and option 3 if the pavilion quote is more expensive.

b. Motorized Vehicles on Trails

Secretary Kohler informed the board of his research on this issue and requested Board direction. VC Thomas verified that in FL you must wear a helmet on an ebike. BM Kemmler asks if the board believes this is an issue worth our action? VC Thomas states her issue is with true motorcycles. BM Kemmler suggests outlawing combustion engines. He also states he would be fine leaving it as is for now. BM Hall states he believes it is not a big issue now. BM Beinvenu agrees. VC Thomas states there has been an increase of motorcycles in the area. BM Hall suggested calling Palm Bay to see what their rules are. BM Kemmler states we should leave it as is. BM Hall states the only speed limit on record is 5 mph in the park.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**a) BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:**

- Richard E. Cameron & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve – VC Thomas thanked the Public Works crew for keeping the area clean. There has been a lot of people out there, and the signs are a big hit.
- Disc Golf Sanctuary – BM Kemmler states the park is doing great. The turtles are all over the place. The summer pins will be installed soon. Now that the Malabar Madness event is over, they would like to have the pile of debris removed. He would be happy to assist in that process.
- Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Conservation Area –
- Malabar Community Park – BM Bienvenu states the oak trees planted a few years ago are looking fantastic. Pavilions are looking good. BM Hall has received complaints about people sleeping in Malabar Park. He has looked and not seen anything. His son's Cub Scout Troop used the park for a Cross Over Ceremony and had an excellent time.
- Sandhill Trail Head – BM Hall states the park has been quiet.


b) Staff Reports – None**c) Next Scheduled Meeting**

- April 19th, 2023, 6 PM


10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. **MOTION: Thomas/Kemmler motion to adjourn the meeting**
VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

By:


Eric Bienvenu, Chair

ATTEST:


Richard W. Kohler
Recording SecretaryDate Approved: 05/31/2023**NOTE: THERE MAY BE ONE OR MORE MALABAR ELECTED OFFICIAL ATTENDING THIS MEETING**

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