

**TOWN OF MALABAR – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 21st, 2024, 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 5:00 pm. Prayer and pledge were led by Chair Kemmler.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE

2. ROLL CALL

Chair	Hans Kemmler - Present
Vice-Chair	Vicky Thomas – Present
Members	Jennifer Bienvenu – Present
	Eric Bienvenu - Present
	Vacant
Recording Secretary	Richard Kohler – Present
Additional Town Staff:	Judy Schultz - Present

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES: None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Minutes of 12/20/2023

MOTION: Thomas/J. Bienvenu to accept the minutes of 12/20/2023 as presented.

VOTE: All Ayes (4-0)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

6. ACTION ITEMS: None

7. DISCUSSION:

a) Review Application for Board Membership

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7a

Secretary Kohler states that Ms. Wilson has applied for membership on the Parks and Recreation Board. Staff has prepared a Resolution to be heard at the next RTCM, 3/4/24, to confirm her appointment. Town Code required the Board to review all applications for a recommendation to Council.

Ms. Wilson, 2230 Howell Lane, introduced herself to the Board. She has been a resident since September of 2023. Chair Kemmler asks if she has attended a Council meeting?

Ms. Wilson states she plans to attend the 3/4/2024 RTCM. Chair states he is thrilled to have a new applicant. BM J Bienvenu asks if she has been to any of our parks? Ms.

Wilson states yes, she has. Chair gave a brief explanation of the Sunshine Laws.

MOTION: BM Thomas/BM E. Bienvenu to recommend Council approves Resolution 02-2024.

Vote: All Ayes (4-0)

b) Continued Discussion of Trunk'or'Treat Event

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7b

Secretary Kohler states that at the last meeting, the Board indicated they wished to have a half day or evening event, utilizing the Town speakers instead of a band, and to have horse or pony rides. What else is the Board interested in having at the event? What type, style and number of vendors would you like to see, and what type of "Boo-ths" would you like? Chair states he would like to see a trunk or treat with vendors. Clerk states an ideal scenario would be to have booths for vendors and cars. We should make it easy for people to come and do their thing. We should try to get Council Members and Town

Staff to attend. VC Thomas suggests having a costume contest. BM Bienvenu states horses would be tough. Chair suggests including hay bales. He believes the key will be creating some buzz via Facebook to develop the event. VC Thomas suggests soliciting gift cards for winners of contests. Clerk states he will research and provide a first draft of a cost for entry. Chair states he would like to have a bonfire at the event.

Ms. Wilson suggests having a pumpkin carving station, possibly combining with the Baptist Church across the street who sells them. VC Thomas offered to contact them. Chair also states that they recently hosted the Malabar Madness event, and it was a smashing success. They had more applicants than they were prepared for.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

a) BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:

- Richard E. Cameron & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve – VC Thomas states the Preserve is very wet. Her husband removed over 100 Bud Platinum bottles from the area around the CTS. She also found toilet paper out there as well. She suggests creating a new trash can out there.
- Disc Golf Sanctuary – Chair Kemmler states that it is in very good shape. They had a very successful Malabar Madness.
- Thomas Eschenberg Memorial Conservation Area – E. Bienvenu requests the sign be updated or repaired.
- Malabar Community Park – J. Bienvenu states that people were playing tennis and utilizing the playground.
- Sandhill Trail Head – Chair states everything looks good. Requests inspection of the Boardwalk along the Al Tuttle Trail.

- b) Staff Reports – Secretary Kohler states that the plan to resurface the Basketball and Tennis Courts will commence on February 26th. Pickleball and Tennis Lines will be painted on the Tennis Court upon completion of the resurfacing. Staff was also informed that the pavilion for Eschenburg Park will be installed on April 15. Also, the Public Works team was able to improve the foot bridge at the Disc Golf Sanctuary, and will be doing a more complete rebuild in the future.

c) Next Scheduled Meeting

- March 20th, 2024, 5 PM

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: All Ayes. This meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

By:


Hans Kemmler, Chair

ATTEST:



Richard W. Kohler
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 03/20/2024