

MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Lost Creek Reserve Cabin
8:00 a.m. Work Session - 9:00 a.m. Meeting

Present: Dr. Robert Malarkey, Elizabeth Gutmann, Jay Meyer, Scott Myers, Kevin Swanson, Chris Thompson, Dale Gade, Amanda Smith, Cinda Hanbuch-Pinkerton and Janeen Selanders.

WELCOME – The Board and staff welcomed Mr. Meyer. Mr. Meyer was born and raised in Covington, Ohio. He attended Ohio Northern University. He was the previous owner of a local pharmacy and is now a business consultant. Mr. Meyer is an avid bicyclist, has three children and three grandchildren. He is excited about his new position on the Board of Park Commissioners. Mr. Meyer realizes Mr. Haines was an outstanding individual his loss is felt throughout the county. He is humbled and honored to fill the vacancy.

MINUTES - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2022, board meeting seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS – Elizabeth Gutmann, made a motion to approve the bills and receipts as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS – Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to approve the gifts and donations as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 1512-22 – Approval of transfers 9/28/22 – 10/20/22 – Jay Meyer made a motion to approve Resolution 1512-22, seconded by Elizabeth Gutmann, motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Foundation – Scott reported that the total for both funds are \$104,676.23

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

- a. **Deputy Director** – Kevin said the project at John A. Wannemacher Nature Reserve will begin soon. The natural resource crew is working on honeysuckle control/removal throughout the parks. The callery pear trees are also an invasive species that need to be controlled.
- b. **Operations** – Dale said this time of year will be a challenge with the natural resource crew leader off with the birth of a new baby. There was a brief discussion about the control of invasives within the parks and how they are treated.

Firebreaks have been increased due to the dry conditions recently.

Dale spoke about the Park Rangers and their role within the district. We also have a great relationship and contract for deputies through the Miami County Sheriff's department.

- c. **Marketing** – Amanda said the sponsorships have increased for the Holiday Lights event this year and she anticipates a few more sponsors to confirm. Dr. Malarkey suggested more music and less talking on the recording heard during the event.
- d. **Education** – Cinda said the staff is conducting programs in the schools daily and the programs are going well.

There were 330 attendees at the Halloween Happening with over 200 pumpkin carvings. Cinda said Tama coordinates the program and it is an outstanding event.

- e. **Executive Director** – Scott said the volunteer group applications have been received for the Holiday Lights at Lost Creek Reserve and the final selections will be made this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. There was no executive session.

Elizabeth Gutmann moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey