

**MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:00 a.m. Work Session

9 a.m. Meeting at the Cabin

Virtual Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6170195469>

Present: Mr. Doug Haines, Dr. Robert Malarkey, Scott Myers, and Kevin Swanson, present by Zoom: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutmann, Chris Thompson, Dale Gade, Amanda Smith, Janeen Selanders (taking minutes), and Cinda Hanbuch-Pinkerton.

MINUTES - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2021 board meeting seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion unanimously carried.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS – Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve the bills and receipts as presented, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion unanimously carried.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS – Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve the donations, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 1403-21** – Additional appropriations request - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1403-21, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- B. RESOLUTION 1404-21** – First modification of the 2021 contract for policing services previously approved as Resolution 1379-20 with the Sheriff of Miami County to provide law enforcement services to the Park District - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1404-21, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- C. RESOLUTION 1405-21** – Authorization for the Executive Director of the Miami County Park District to enter into a change order with Brumbaugh Construction, Inc. to add an additional 3/8" support cable to the suspension bridge across the Stillwater River between the Stillwater Prairie Connector and Maple Ridge Reserve at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1405-21, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- D. RESOLUTION 1406-21** – Authorization for Executive Director of the Miami County Park District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dayton Horse Show Association, Inc. to pursue fund raising opportunities for development of an outdoor arena, covered outdoor arena, accompanying structures, offices and/or other related structures or improvements at Lost Creek Reserve - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1406-21, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- E. RESOLUTION 1407-21** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Flora Construction for the Garbry Big Woods barn roof replacement not to exceed \$29,742.00 – Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1407-21, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- F. RESOLUTION 1408-21** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Flora Construction for the suspension bridge access walkways not to exceed \$24,786.00 – Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1408-21, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Foundation** – No updates this month.
- B. **The Nature Conservancy Project Partner Agreement Amendment** – The Nature Conservancy approached the park district about adding additional acreage for Habitat Restoration through mitigation. Dr. Malarkey suggested a press release about the positive impacts mitigation creates. Scott said Nancy Bowman published an article on the Duke Extension project and the information is also on our website. Scott spoke about potential opportunities at Duke Extension.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

- a. **Deputy Director** – Kevin included a photo of the proposed climbing tower with his report. Due to possibly moving Hug the Earth Festival to Lost Creek in 2022, it was decided to place this tower at Lost Creek Reserve. We will be applying for a grant through Nature Conservancy for the tower construction. The board had concern on safety and how it's opened and manned.

Kevin said he sits on the Miami County Visitor's Bureau board and they have a new member. Kyle Hinkleman is the new Village Administrator in Covington. There is still a vacant seat to fill on their board.

- b. **Operations** – Dale met with Candace for final drawing on the interior maintenance barn. A second water test is being done at Lost Creek. The sap has started flowing and they will do a couple of small boils at Maple Ridge. It was mentioned that Terry Netzley would like to attend a boil this year.
- c. **Marketing** – Amanda had no addition to her written report but plans to discuss the Outerspatial app in future meetings. She said it will be a great addition to real time activities in parks, including trails and identifying things in park. Scott said Five Rivers Metroparks and Green County Parks are also entering a contract with them, so he feels more comfortable with the regional promotion. Apps like this will help with reduction of printed maps and brochures.
- d. **Education** – Cinda said the staff is busy planning Spring Experience weekends. "Superhero Saturdays" may possibly partner with Boonshoft for the animal show. May have local high school's drama clubs participate as "heroes". There are 52 teachers now participating in Science Journeys. Nature Live! is moving along. Concord Elementary has requested staff do in school programs. The Outside Everyday Challenge is being established and will have incentive prizes. Amanda is looking for sponsors.
- e. **Executive Director** – Scott had no additions to his written report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Property and Personnel – no executive session.

Dr. Malarkey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doug Haines, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08a.m.

J. Scott Myers

R. Douglas Haines