

MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

8 a.m. Work Session

9 a.m. Meeting

Lost Creek Reserve Administration Office

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

MINUTES – Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve the bills and receipts as presented, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, 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 1258-19 – Authorization to enter agreement with Christy’s Construction to replace existing culvert at Maple Ridge Reserve - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1258-19, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **RESOLUTION 1259-19 – Authorization to enter agreement with Ross Construction & Properties, LLC to replace the damaged portions of existing stairs to the lower falls at Charleston Falls Preserve – Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1259-19, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.**
- C. **RESOLUTION 1260-19 – Authorization to enter a contract with the Banana Slug String Band to perform at the 2019 Hug the Earth Festival - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1260-19, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.**
- D. **RESOLUTION 1261-19 - Authorization to dispose of and remove from inventory, the machinery/equipment listed - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1261-19, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.**
- E. **RESOLUTION 1262-19 - Authorization to apply for a grant from the Troy Foundation for development of the proposed 2019 Holiday Lights program - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1262-19, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.**
- F. **RESOLUTION 1263-19 - Authorization to purchase a 2019 20’ equipment trailer from Fullenkamp’s Frenchtown Trailer Sales and to trade in a 1995 Midwest Flatbed tri-axle trailer - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1263-19, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.**
- G. **RESOLUTION 1264-19 - Approval of transfers from 1/1/19 through 2/19/19 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1264-19, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.**
- H. **RESOLUTION 1265-19 - Authorization to enter agreement with Coate Construction, LLC to complete two drainage projects at Farrington Reserve - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1265-19, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

A. FOUNDATION

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

A. Deputy Director –Kevin added if it is granted, the Nature Conservancy partnership on mitigation project for wetland restoration would be at Lost Creek Reserve.

B. Operations– Dale added the staff is keeping up with wind and flood damages. Syrup season is underway.

C. Marketing – Amanda added she is wrapping up the “Hug a Pollinator” project. Premier Health has embraced the project.

The Riverway Summit will feature “Children’s Prescription to Nature”.

The Trail Run Challenge is taking registrations and 25 are already registered for entire series.

D. Education – Cinda added that airplanes and butterflies (Things that fly) will be a new addition to Hug the Earth Festival. The staff is currently working with schools on organic lawn care and encourage kids to plant natives at home. It’s a busy time of year for her staff. This year, there will have an evening pollinator program in place of watershed program and may use Treasure Island if it works out. Cinda wants to do both watershed and pollinator programs in the future if at all possible. Mrs. Gutmann suggested having someone sell pollinator friendly native plants at both festivals. Cinda said she will look into it. Amanda said for several years, there has been a group offering this at the Fall Farm Fest. Dr. Markley asked about rain backup plan for the festival. Cinda said there is an agreement with the MC fairgrounds. There is a fee for it but it has been beneficial and has been used several times.

Cinda spoke about a new “Date Night” program. The first one was very successful with a few things to improve upon. It targeted 20-50-year-olds and was filled to capacity with 100 guests (50 couples). There are two more date nights scheduled so far. Amanda said we received 32 surveys so far out of 50 couples.

E. Executive Director - Scott added that Teri Graves is starting tomorrow as the new Administrative Assistant and will work daily from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. but off on Tuesdays.

Land & Water Conservation Fund applications are due in November. The park may apply for the proposed restroom and meeting facility at Lost Creek Reserve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. No executive session

Mrs. Gutmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37a.m., seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37a.m.

J. Scott Myers

R. Douglas Haines