

MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
*Tuesday, July 26, 2022*  
Lost Creek Reserve Cabin  
8:00 a.m. Work Session - 9:00 a.m. Meeting

Present: Dr. Robert Malarkey, Elizabeth Gutmann, Scott Myers, Chris Thompson, Janeen Selanders (taking minutes), Dale Gade and Cinda Hanbuch-Pinkerton.

**MINUTES** - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 28, 2022, board meeting seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.

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

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

***NEW BUSINESS***

- A. **RESOLUTION 1505-22** – Authorization for the Executive Director of the Miami County Park District to enter an agreement with Fusion Metal Fabrication, LLC to repair cattleguards and install walk plates at Lost Creek Reserve at a final cost not to exceed \$5,416.00 - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1505-22, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.
- B. **RESOLUTION 1506-22** - Approval of the 2022-2023 Environmental Education Grants up to \$17,500 - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1506-22, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.

***OLD BUSINESS***

- A. **Foundation** – The Troy Foundation is giving us the names and addresses of the donors that are for memorials. There have been three recently. We should receive the total for each honoree at year end. The Foundation has a policy not to disclose how much each donor gives for memorials but will give us a total of all donors.

***OTHER BUSINESS***

**A. Staff Reports**

- a. **Deputy Director** – Kevin is on vacation but Scott noted the August 9 OPRA, Regional 3 meeting that will be hosted at Heritage Hall and said there will another one for the South West Region in the spring.
- b. **Operations** – Dale said the staff has been busy with trail maintenance and bikeway improvements. The recent storm knocked out the electricity and did minor damage at Stillwater Prairie Reserve
- c. **Marketing** – Amanda tested positive for Covid. In her written report, she had the aerial photo of the corn maze that will open September 1.
- d. **Education** – Cinda is still looking for a rain backup plan for the Hug the Earth festival in 2023. The fairground has construction planned and the Rock & Mineral Show is the same week so a

new location needs confirmed. Elizabeth recommended checking with Edison State Community College. The family fest is April 22, 2023 and the school week is April 25-28.

- e. **Executive Director** – Scott said David Demmitt has planted sunflowers in the small field near St. Rt. 41 and will be selling them at the Fall Farm Fest (October 8 & 9).

The Elizabeth Twp Historical Society representative Sharon Maingi, stopped in yesterday to review cemetery records. She said it is possible to get new headstones for the veterans in the cemetery that are either unmarked or illegible. The Board members said that sounded like a good thing. Scott said there are no costs to the Park District for this.

Scott said in the near future, the staff and Board members will need to decide on a recognition area and options for Doug Haines recognition. The staff has briefly talked about placing a tree and rock/plaque near the shelter at Stillwater Prairie Reserve since that shelter was constructed in a large part to donations in memory of Doug’s late wife Connie. Elizabeth suggested possibly naming the Suspension Bridge after him.

The daughter of one of the sculptors at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve has contacted us with a desire to purchase her late father’s work. After some discussion, it was determined the sculpture was a priceless gift to the park district and is part of the vision of this park, founded on art and nature. For the integrity of the park and in honor of the Hobart’s gift and wishes, it must remain in the park. There was discussion to make the view to this piece more visible since a trail does not travel near it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. There was no executive session.

Elizabeth Gutmann moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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J. Scott Myers

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Dr. Robert Malarkey