

MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Lost Creek Reserve Cabin
8:00 a.m. Work Session - 9:00 a.m. Meeting

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

MINUTES - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 26, 2022, board meeting seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS – Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve the bills and receipts as presented, seconded by Elizabeth Gutmann, 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 1507-22** – Approval of Transfers 4/9/22 through 8/16/22 - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1507-22, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Foundation** – The park staff is coordinating a week to work with the consultants. There are many schedules to work around including several mini focus groups while they are here.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

- a. **Deputy Director** – Kevin said the climbing tower will be under construction soon at Lost Creek Reserve. The overlooks at Spring Creek Confluence and Mr. Netzey’s mini shelter at Maple Ridge will also begin construction soon. The staff will be participating in fewer events due to staff limitations.
- b. **Operations** – Dale requested the lease of new cameras in the parks. The “Flock” cameras are being installed in several communities in Miami County and this is a good time to install them. These cameras are \$2,500 each annually and will scan and monitor every license plate that enters the park and alert the designated staff if any red flags are listed. The plates are tracked and recorded for any future needs. Basically, it would be like an officer stationed at that location. Dale is requesting two of the cameras.

Dale let the Board know that the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign will be held at Lost Creek Reserve on Thursday, August 25 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. All Miami County law enforcements agencies will be represented. The event is open to the public.

Dale added that there will be a 5x30 area for the fire departments to use the pond at

Stillwater Prairie if needed. Mr. Haines was instrumental in getting this started. The board agrees this is a good thing to offer.

- c. **Marketing** – Amanda said the Miami County Visitors Bureau will be doing a photo shoot at Heritage Hall September 9. They will be highlighting the corn maze, Heritage Hall and other features of the park. The benefit to the park is we will have the rights to the photos for future promotions. There will also be a couple that are social media influencers that will feature the park too. It will be a great advertising vehicle.
- d. **Education** – Cinda said Eco-Camps ended and it was a great year. The fall schedule is filling up. She is planning staff training and future pollinator gardens.

Cinda read a note of appreciation that arrived at Charleston Falls from Connie Haines.

- e. **Executive Director** – Scott had no addition to his written report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. There was no executive session.

Dr. Malarkey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Elizabeth Gutmann, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey