

MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION
9 a.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2019
Lost Creek Reserve Administration Office

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

MINUTES – Dr. Malarkey made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 27, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, 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 – Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve the donations, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 1303-19 – Acceptance of Miami County Budget Commission certified rates of tax to be levied for operating purposes on the general duplicates of 2019. Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve Resolution 1303-19, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Foundation –** Nothing new to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

- a. **Deputy Director** – Kevin spoke about improvements coming to John A. Wannemacher Nature Reserve’s Site Restoration Plan. The mitigation project includes stream restoration and wetland enhancement through the Nature Conservancy. An Eagle Scout added trail through the woods for his project and there is a new bench added too. Kevin distributed a new Great Miami Riverway brochure and said the Riverway committee is still interviewing for the coordinator position.
- b. **Operations** – Dale displayed photos of new SPR connector, the Casstown-Sidney bikeway connector clearing, new bikeway station at Dye Mill Road and improved bench area at Charleston Falls.
- c. **Marketing** – Amanda said the Charleston Falls Trail Run Challenge was this year’s last race and had 207 runners. She distributed the sponsor solicitation sheet for the Holiday Lights at Lost Creek and who has committed to sponsorships to date.

- d. **Education** – Cinda said Miami East schools will be the pollinator program participant. The Outdoor Adventure Club (OAC) program is growing with two more schools added this year. This includes 50-60 Jr. High students and will possibly be adding high schools eventually. We have a new part-time staff member, Tom Hissong. He was the Education Director at Aullwood and is an incredible naturalist. Cinda hopes the entire staff can gain from his expertise.

Scott added that Kay Hissong will be an artist in residence completing a “Parks Through the Seasons”. We hope to have her pastels displayed at Hayner.

- e. **Executive Director** – Scott said he will be at the NRPA conference in Baltimore next week. He reminded the Board that we are in search of volunteer groups for Holiday Lights at Lost Creek Reserve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

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

J. Scott Myers

R. Douglas Haines