

**MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Lost Creek Reserve Cabin
9 a.m. Meeting**

Present: Dr. Robert Malarkey, Jay Meyer, Elizabeth Gutmann, Scott Myers, Cinda Hanbuch-Pinkerton, Dan Weaver, Amanda Smith, Chris Thompson and Janeen Selanders.

MINUTES – Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve the minutes from February 26, 2026, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve the bills and receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

DONATIONS - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to accept the donations and volunteer hours as presented, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 1695-26 - Authorization to enter into a contract with A&S Party Rental to provide extreme dual zipline entertainment at the 2026 Hug the Earth Festival at a cost not to exceed \$25,607.50 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1695-26 as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Foundation – Amanda said the next step to be focused on is the marketing of the foundation. There are no additional updates.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

- a. Operations – Dan distributed photos of current projects. The staff has been busy working on storm damage. He anticipates the new ADA parking and dock at Stillwater Prairie Reserve will be ready in July/August. The pond level will need to be lowered to complete the project. The same contractor will also be redoing the front porch at Lost Creek Reserve.

There was some discussion on E-bikes.

- b. Marketing – Amanda said she is busy with Hug the Earth festival preparations. She pointed out the Leigh Ann has raised nearly \$56,000 for the festival.

Amanda will be focusing on the website as soon as the festival is over.

We will be participating in the Strawberry Festival this year and be at two locations throughout the grounds. One location will focus on children and one location will be at the information booth. We will be offering a challenge on our Outerspatial App that encourages participants to visit local businesses and locations. We will be able to participate in more outreach events with Megan on staff. She has been able to target volunteer groups.

Dr. Malarkey asked about a recognition for volunteers. Amanda said that is a goal for us to do.

- c. Environmental Education – Cinda said festival prep is in full swing. She added Megan had an idea to add a mountain bike adventure to the festival. That and a CaveSim will be the two new adventures this year. Cinda added that the Tipp City Foundation funded the entire CaveSim. With this donation, Tipp City students will have a special time to experience it, before the family festival begins. Cinda added that QR codes will be posted near the adventures of where the guests can go to do the adventures like mountain biking, rock climbing, etc.

Cinda said it worked out this year to offer a preschool program with the slugs. It will be advertised on social media, and it is on the new newsletter to be mailed out within the next couple of weeks.

- d. Executive – Scott said the next meeting is May 5. Mrs. Gutmann said she cannot attend the September 22 meeting. He distributed the John A. Wannemacher mitigation report from the Nature Conservancy. Scott added that the Banana Slug String Band will be staying in two Airbnbs rather than a hotel. It was less expensive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Property & Personnel - There was no executive session. Elizabeth Gutmann motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned 9:50 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey