

**MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Lost Creek Reserve Cabin
9 a.m. Meeting**

Present: Dr. Robert Malarkey, Jay Meyer, Scott Myers, Cinda Hanbuch-Pinkerton, Dan Weaver, Chris Thompson and Janeen Selanders. Elizabeth Gutmann observed the meeting by Zoom.

MINUTES – Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from March 31, 2026, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.

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

DONATIONS – Mr. Meyer made a motion to accept the donations and volunteer hours as presented, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 1696-26 - Authorization to enter into an agreement with Panther Creek Carpentry to install a 10'x20' handicap accessible fishing pier with a 4'x20' walkway at Stillwater Prairie Reserve at a cost not to exceed \$17,283. – Mr. Meyer made a motion approve Resolution 1696-26 as presented, seconded by Mr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Foundation – The recent meeting focused on branding and marketing.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

- a. Operations – Dan said the Hug the Earth Festival went well, even considering the rain. He spoke about the projects outline for 2026 and said they are on schedule. He then spoke briefly about an issue created at HUNP. Overfield hired a contractor to work on a tile issue. Due to the work done there, another larger issue has been created near the wall of the dam. Dan is meeting with the county engineer to see what needs to be done to correct the water issue.

Scott spoke about the Ranger Division for becoming the first park district law enforcement agency in Ohio to earn accreditation through the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board. The award was accepted at the Pathway to Success Awards Ceremony by Executive Director J. Scott Myers, Operations

Director/Ranger Dan Weaver and Operations Administrative Assistant Olivia Norris.

Dan was also honored with the 2026 Mentorship Award through the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program for his support of others pursuing professional growth and accreditation. A proud moment that reflects leadership, teamwork and commitment to service. The Board congratulated Dan.

- b. Marketing – Amanda was absent.
- c. Environmental Education – Cinda said the staff is wrapping up the Hug the Earth Festival for 2026 and will begin the planning for next year this week. Saturday of the festival was rainy and cold, but we still had nearly 3,000 people attend. Elizabeth congratulated Cinda and said it was a great program. Cinda said the group of high schoolers from Troy were amazing leaders this year and really energized the kids, making it one of her favorite concerts ever.

We are losing the 4th and 5th graders for the concert due to state testing, so Cinda is considering moving the festival to May, possibly the third week, but she's not sure yet. She will meet with the schools and teachers to see what is possible. The staff has been working on the Outdoor Adventure Club and trying to expand it so we can offer more teen programming.

- d. Executive – Scott said Janeen will be scheduling a tour of the parks. The board prefers June.

The County recently held their recognition of employees and volunteers. It conflicts with the Hug the Earth school festival, so Scott had Cinda's award to present to her. This year Cinda was recognized for 30 years of service. Scott presented her with her certificate and gift from the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Property & Personnel - There was no executive session. Mr. Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned 9:58 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey