

**MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 23, 2026
Lost Creek Reserve Cabin
9 a.m. Meeting**

Present: Dr. Robert Malarkey, Elizabeth Gutmann, Jay Meyer, 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 May 5, 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 1697-26 - Approval of the 2027 County Tax Budget - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1697-26 as presented, seconded by Mr. Meyer, 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 interns for the season have been hired and the new staff have completed the on-boarding. The park projects are moving along successfully. The board said the parks are looking great and thanked the staff for their dedication and work. They also added they like the law enforcement report.
- b. Marketing – Amanda reminded the Board that the all-staff meeting is August 19 with the luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. The corn maze prep is prior to the luncheon and the meeting will follow.
- c. Environmental Education – Cinda said Eco-Camps have started and the kids are having a great time. The staff is working on increasing the programming in areas where there has been a decline, including schools and libraries. The date for the Hug the Earth Festival will be consistently on the third Saturday in May. The 2027 festival is May 15. The school week will be prior to the family. The benefit to the date is that it falls on the annual “Kids to Parks Day”.

- d. Executive – Scott said he met with the director of the Bradford Railroad museum and they asked if the park district would be interested in managing the location. Scott let them know that we cannot.

Scott will be meeting with Bart Denlinger next week about the plans for the additional wetlands at JAWNR.

Scott presented at the Troy Teen Leadership last week. They met at LCR and participated on the climbing tower challenges. The leadership program is a great opportunity for future leaders in our area.

It was noted that the Strawberry Festival numbers were substantially down, and the cost of the booth did not seem to be beneficial to the park district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Property & Personnel - There was no executive session. Mrs. Gutmann motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned 9:39 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey