

MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Lost Creek Reserve Cabin
9 a.m. Meeting

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

MINUTES – Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 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 1703-26** - Approval of transfers 1/22/26 – 8/25/26 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1703-26 as presented, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- B. **RESOLUTION 1704-26** - Authorization to enter into an agreement with Nitescapes for the creation of new light displays for the Holiday Lights Event at Lost Creek Reserve at a total cost of \$11,000 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1704-26 as presented, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- C. **RESOLUTION 1705-26** - Authorization to enter agreement with Bring the Farm To You to perform at the 2026 Fall Farm Fest at a final cost not to exceed \$12,893 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1705-26 as presented, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- D. **RESOLUTION 1706-26** - Acceptance of the Miami County Budget Commission certified rates of tax to be levied for operating purposes on the general duplicates of 2026 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1706-26 as presented, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Foundation – Sub-committees have been formed and going as planned. Allison is working on the logo for the group.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Staff Reports
 - a. Operations – Dan distributed photos of current projects. He said safety training was completed with the staff and assistance from the Troy Fire Department.

We have hired a new full-time employee, Clayton Layman.

The pier construction at Stillwater Prairie Reserve will begin tomorrow and should be completed soon.

Dan spoke briefly about the Flock camera policy and the Board is supportive of the use of the cameras. Dan said he will speak to anyone that has any questions or concerns. We have been using them since 2022 without any issues.

Dan has met with Terry Lavy, Roger Finrock and Ms. Johnson from Overfield on the Hobart Urban Nature Preserve drainage issues. Terry and Roger have been involved in the project over the years and are mapping out the area. The temporary tile Chip installed has helped until the improvements are made to resolve the drainage issue.

- b. Marketing – Amanda has been busy and distributed educational information for the public and staff concerning the upcoming levy that is factual, neutral and verifiable. A news release will be out later this week.

Amanda showed the Board Allison's designs she has been working on for the Sebastian the Selfie Squirrel program.

- c. Environmental Education – Cinda and Amanda spoke about the Outdoor Adventure Club program (OAC) that is offered to Jr. High students in the county. Cinda is more involved and would like to expand the program. Adventure possibilities run from September through May, with a possible summer adventure or two and can include the following: Canoeing, Archery, Tube Float, Caving, Kite Flying, Tapping Maple Trees, Geocaching, Corn Maze, Biking, Camping, Tower Climbing and Zipline, Ice Skating, Sledding, Disc Golfing and more.

Cinda has asked Scott to give a brief OPRA presentation about optimism at their next meeting. She has staff members struggling with health issues.

- d. Executive - Scott added that he has been asked to present this year at the OPRA Conference on Leadership.

The next Board meeting is September 22, 2026.

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 10:04 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey