

**MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Lost Creek Reserve Cabin

9 a.m. Meeting

Present: Dr. Robert Malarkey, Jay Meyer, Elizabeth Gutmann, Scott Myers, Kevin Swanson, Amanda Smith, Cinda Hanbuch-Pinkerton , Dale Gade and Chris Thompson.

MINUTES - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to approve the minutes from September 24, 2024, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

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

DONATIONS – The list of donations and volunteers will be reported at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 1627-24 – Approval of transfers 9/21/24 through 10/25/24 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1627-24 as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- B. RESOLUTION 1628-24 – Authorization to enter the project for the ODOT biennium - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1628-24 as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- C. RESOLUTION 1629-24 Authorization to transfer funds held by The Troy Foundation in a “Friends of the Miami County Park District” Fund into a fund created for “Miami County Parks Forever” - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1629-24 as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Foundation – There is no report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Staff Reports
 - a. Deputy Director – Kevin said gravel was put down on the trails at JAWNR and we have submitted a bill to get reimbursed for the cost of the gravel.

The Nature Conservancy contacted us about potentially doing another stream restoration wetland project. We are looking at potential sites and have a visit scheduled with them this month.

- b. Operations – Dale said a fence was installed at Honey Creek Preserve in partnership with the Horse Association. Our share of the cost was \$1,000.

Fall Spraying for invasives is underway.

Lance Ray's bench has been installed

- c. Marketing – Amanda said we have received 215 on-line responses to survey requests. She plans to do targeted emails in effort to get responses over 300.
- d. Environmental Education – Scott discussed the changes in staffing and the crossovers between the education and operation departments.
- e. Executive – Scott said the budget will be ready for approval in December.

There was no executive session. Elizabeth Gutmann moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned 9:45 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey