

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

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Lost Creek Reserve Cabin

9 a.m. Meeting

Present: Dr. Robert Malarkey, Jay Meyer, Elizabeth Gutmann, Scott Myers, Amanda Smith, Susan Condy, Amalee Houk, Dale Gade and Chris Thompson.

MINUTES - Elizabeth Gutmann made a motion to approve the minutes from August 27, 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 – Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to accept the donations as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 1624-24 – Approval of transfers 9/1/24 through 9/20/24 - - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1624-24 as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- B. RESOLUTION 1625-24 – Acceptance of the Miami County Budget Commission certified rates of tax to be levied for operation purposes on the general duplicates of 2024- Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1625-24 as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- C. RESOLUTION 1626-24 - Authorization to enter into an agreement with Nitescapes for installation and teardown down of the light displays at the 2024 Lost Creek Holiday Lights event at Lost Creek Reserve at a cost not to exceed \$77,327 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion approve Resolution 1626-24 as presented, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion unanimously carried.
- D. Citizens for Miami County Park District Bank Change – After some discussion, this agenda item was tabled until more research is conducted.
- E. PRESENTATION BY AMALEE HOUK – Amalee said there were 460 registered children for the summer Eco-Camp and some of those children participated in more than one camp. The camp cost \$40 per week for in-county residents and \$80 for out-of-county. Amalee feels we may not be getting the participation from lower income families. There was some discussion about how this can be remedied.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Foundation – A meeting will be scheduled for the Miami County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to meet with the Miami County Parks Forever Board members. The new name and policies have been approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Staff Reports
 - a. Deputy Director – Kevin spoke about Hartzell Farm Day and the 2024 Fall Farm Fest.
 - b. Operations – Dale said half of the bikeway repaving is complete between Dye Mill Rd. and the Concord-Monroe Township boundary and the remainder will be done next year. We had to purchase additional berm material because millings from removing the old asphalt were less than projected.
 - c. Marketing – Amanda had no additions to her written report.
 - d. Environmental Education – Susan shared some updates on the Washington Elementary school pollinator garden program.
 - e. Executive – Scott said the survey is updated and finalized dates for focus groups. The next Board of Park Commission meeting is November 5.

Elizabeth Gutmann moved to move the meeting into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Jay Meyer, motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

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

The meeting was adjourned 10 a.m.

J. Scott Myers

Dr. Robert Malarkey