

Collin County
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board
Minutes
April 25, 2017

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Rutledge Haggard called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:36 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Norman Gidney, Marianne Wells, Chris Kern, and Stephen Kallas. Absent was Steven Wright. Myers Park staff present was Judy Florence, Mark Page, and Joanie Bishop. Staff member absent was Jennifer Rogers.

Item No. 2 Review and Action to approve January 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gidney made a motion to approve the January 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Kallas.

Item No. 3 Update on Farm Museum

Ms. Florence reported for Jennifer Rogers, on the Farm Museum. For the collection status, a 1937 unstyled John Deere Tractor (aka Poppin' Johnny) was submitted for donation to Commissioners Court and was accepted. Restoration has begun with the Poppin' Johnny. The Education programs with workshops, homeschools, and schools are on track to meet end of the year goals. This summer will start a new series of Saturday Lectures since the workshops on Saturdays are not very popular. The Rural Heritage Fair will take place on May 13, 2017. Packets for vendors went out on Monday. We have 16 organizations participating. Print marketing and volunteer recruiting for the Rural Heritage Fair is through Volunteer McKinney and Senior Groups, Home Schools (for service hours), Boy Scouts (for service hours), and McKinney High School Leadership Organization. Ms. Rogers is branching out her marketing to focus more on social media and boosting marketing for the Rural Heritage Fair. She is also working to establish better internet presence, and plans on scheduling more outreach programs for the coming year.

Item No. 4 Update on PIP and Budget Requests for FY2018

Ms. Florence reported on the PIP items for FY2018 consisting of Show Barn roof replacement since it cannot be repaired, paint the Show Barn and Stall Barn inside and out, asphalt the parking for The Landing area and behind the Show Barn, white pipe fence repairs around the Park, ambient lighting on west end of Farm Museum, change all Show Barn and Stall Barn lighting to LED lighting, and level the floors at the Haggard House. Budget items for FY2018 involve several pieces of equipment some of which are

currently being evaluated, some will definitely be replaced such as 2012 Scag 72" ride mower, and two 2012 STIHL Backpack Blowers. Other budget items requested include an air compressor for new maintenance shop, a commercial countertop fryer for the Show Barn concession stand, two bin and drawer cabinets for the Show Barn shop, a 12'x 6.4' with 4' side trailer with ramp to use to transport tables and chairs to different areas of the Park safely. Budget items for the Farm Museum include a MIG Welder, engine hoist and two flatbed equipment carts.

Item No. 5 Update on Projects

Ms. Florence reported that Commissioners Court agreed to use the remaining funds from Park & Open Space for County Parks. Several areas of the park have needs for enhancements and to ensure the longevity of the existing facilities. Some of these include: paving the roads throughout the Park; Install new irrigation and evaluate current irrigation; add a playground as many school groups that come for tours, birthday parties, families events often inquire about one; enclose and ventilate the restrooms at the Pole Barn to help with weather conditions as well as bird and bug issues from the open air ceiling; climate control the Farm Museum so classes and tours can take place comfortably; add a Greenhouse for the Collin County Master Gardeners. Ms. Florence reported that they are currently securing pricing and hope to be open for bids soon on some of these projects. Ms. Florence said a ballpark figure to concrete the roads throughout the Park properly will cost a little over a million dollars, and to move and repair the white pipe fence along County Road 168 could cost \$150,000. Also, irrigation is very important to the Park in order to keep it green and flourishing, and Ms. Florence is working on getting an idea on that cost.

Item No. 6 Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Mr. Page reported that revenue is up \$31,000 from this time last year. Wedding season is in full swing, we recently had a 5K Mud Run, Collin County Master Gardeners had their Garden Show in March which was a huge success, and they also had a Plant Sale in April. Upcoming events are the Vintage Market Days in May, and school proms will take place in April and May.

Item No. 7 Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **July 25, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

Item No. 8 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.