

Collin County  
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board  
Minutes  
July 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 7:30 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Norman Gidney, Marianne Wells, Steven Wright, Chris Kern, and Stephen Kallas. Myers Park staff present was Judy Florence, Mark Page, Jennifer Rogers, Stacey Hamlin and Joanie Bishop.

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

Mr. Gidney made a motion to approve the April 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Kallas.

**Item No. 3**            Update on Farm Museum

On the Collection Status, Ms. Rogers reported the artifacts that were deaccessioned from the museum have been identified and a list sent to Purchasing for auction. Other artifacts are being identified for deaccessioning as well, specifically those that are duplicates and located outside the Baxter Barn. The volunteers are clearing out the Baxter Barn and moving artifacts to the back of the Wells Building in preparation of the Baxter Barns being torn down. The education programs with workshops, homeschools, and schools are on track to meet end of year goals. The summer lecture series was not successful and we will not be implementing them in the fall. The museum is going to offer specific homeschool days every other month, starting in October. In September, the museum will experiment with educational movie nights. The Rural Heritage Fair took place on May 13, 2017. We had 162 visitors, 62 volunteers and vendors, 91 Model T rides. Plans for next year's event includes more advertising, need increased advertising budget, provide hayride shuttle from parking lot to event location, provide snacks and water for volunteers and double the number of demonstrators and merchants. The date is set for May 19, 2018.

**Item No. 4**            Discussion, Update and any Action on the Farm Museum Foundation Board

Ms. Florence reported that in order to update the Farm Museum By-Laws, the Myers Park By-Laws need updated. Once revisions have been made, and it has been approved, it will go to Court and be filed with the IRS. Hope to have this complete by end of the year.

**Item No. 5**            Update on Projects

Ms. Florence reported the Shade Garden project is currently in process and looking very pretty. Trees around the area have been trimmed back so no debris from the surrounding foliage will be in the way. We now have plans for the stairs from the Farm Museum to the Perennial Garden. There will be a large stone bordered flower bed on each side of the stairs, along with a decorative and functional railing. Handicap parking will be added on the opposite end with its main purpose to serve the garden area and not necessarily the office area. The Baxter Barns will be coming down in the fall. Ms. Florence will salvage such items as doors, latches, portions of the milk barn. We are currently making last few purchases before the end of the fiscal year, along with minor policy/rental changes. Regarding the Open Space Bond funds, we have approximately \$2.4M remaining. The approved projects using the Open Space Bond Funds include \$150,000 for Show Barn electrical improvements which was put in as a PIP; the demonstration garden steps and flagstone walkway is estimated at \$70,000; trees around the Park will use \$10,000; the Shade Garden will be approximately \$3,000. The proposed projects for the Open Space fund are \$2,000,000 for design and construction of concrete drives and parking areas; irrigation costs needed throughout Myers Park have not been determined yet, plus \$31,000 of the Open Space money is going to fences at Parkhill Prairie – this would leave about \$150,000 for the irrigation costs. A project we may hold off on is \$400,000 for the Stall Barn upgrades. Other PIP projects are approximately \$400,000 for new roof on Show Barn; add lights to western side of Wells Building; repair and repaint existing pipe cable fence; repair office floors that are heaving; change Show Barn and Stall Barn lights from fluorescent to LED; repaint Show Barn and Stall Barn inside and out. These PIP items are in excess of the \$500,000; no money to do the Stall Barn upgrades or the PIPs.

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

Mr. Page reported that revenue and attendance is up from last year and will most likely pass last year's numbers. No big events are scheduled for the summer but weddings continue all year. Horse shows, livestock shows and even more weddings will pick up in the fall.

**Item No. 7**            Possible future agenda items

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

**Item No. 8**            Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.