

Collin County  
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board  
Minutes  
January 26, 2021

**Item No. 1**            Call to Order

Rutledge Haggard called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:38 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Norman Gidney, Marianne Wells, Steven Wright, Ann Norton and Ebony Wilson. Myers Park staff present was Judy Moody, Mark Page, Jennifer Rogers and Joanie Bishop.

**Item No. 2**            Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members

We welcome our new board members, Ann Norton and Ebony Wilson.

**Item No. 3**            Review and Action to approve January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Wells made a motion to approve the January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Wright.

**Item No. 4**            Update on Farm Museum

In regards to the Collection, Ms. Rogers reported during March, April and May 2020 updates on the inventory and appraisals were completed. All exhibits and restoration projects in conjunction with various 4-H Clubs and Girl Scout troops were halted. The projects are tentatively scheduled to resume spring 2021, but may change to fall 2021. With the Education and Program status, tours of the museum are canceled. The museum is not open to the public except for workshops. March, April and May 2020, the in-person workshops were halted. June to December workshop spaces were redesigned to follow health and safety guidelines and promote social distancing. The workshop space designated four 8'x8' squares with single workshop table separated by 3' aisles between them. Individuals from the same household could reserve one of four tables for the in-person workshops. January to March 2021, the Education Programs moved to an online format in which people receive kits with supplies and follow along with the online instructions. In November 2020, a free Facebook Live series started that features history, cooking, sewing, etc. The series is called "Let's Talk About....", takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. We have been averaging 200 views each week. Our restoration volunteers were restricted access March, April and May 2020. They returned working periodically on Tuesdays or Wednesdays and some Saturdays starting in June and they follow mask and social distancing rules. The education volunteer roles have shifted this past year. They no longer teach but help package educational kits.

**Item No. 5**            Discuss any action regarding updating By Laws and /or Farm Museum Foundation

Ms. Wells had a meeting with the Community Foundation. She learned that the community fund is a separate fund that the community owns and not the County. There is no need to update/recreate By-Laws or Farm Museum Board to oversee this money. The Farm Museum could use money from this fund with the Myers Park Board's approval.

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

Ms. Moody reported due to COVID-19 the Park lost money since having to issue refunds to customers cancelling their events, specifically March to May. Some customers did rescheduled. During this time our staff still worked full time and took advantage of working on grounds and maintenance projects. Eventually customers started scheduling events again and business has been picking up. A lot of our outdoor venues have been doing good business since people can be spread out more easily. We have been having more Memorials, Boy Scouts have been booking their camping events to make up from last spring. We had a drive-through circus on our back asphalt parking lot. Vintage Market Days came back in November 2020 under COVID rules and guidelines in the Show Barn, the County Show this past January took place with rules enforced for social distancing, signing waivers, using masks and wrist bands. Come this April we will have an Art & Music Festival. In May Vintage Market Days will have their spring event. We are at 50% capacity at this point throughout the entire Park.

**Item No. 7**            Update on Projects at Myers Park

Ms. Moody reported some items for PIP. The Show Barn erosion issues continue to get worse which was first reported in 2017. Pavestones, sidewalks are toppling and shifting. There are large cracks on the inside of the Show Barn. The Stall Barn has concrete problems. The welded pipes are cracking with many stress cracks all around the arena. Some are causing tripping hazard. One of the roll up doors now shows light underneath when fully closed due to concrete shifting, concrete has dropped from under stall metal. Cracks are getting wider. With the Stall Barn we may get a consultant to come and ask what may be the cause of the issue since we cannot fix it until we know the source of the problem. The Granary and Confinement Buildings are in desperate need of repair. Some of these items are too big for Facilities to handle Other PIPs include the Show Barn and Stall Barn need the insides painted. Farm Museum is requesting lighting the west half of the museum and heaters which have both previously been requested. We need security camera upgrades throughout the Park. We have been approved \$60,000 for fence repair, replace and repaint all along the perimeter of the Park, which will really look nice.

**Item No. 8**                      Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

**Item No. 9**                      Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.