

Collin County
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board
Minutes
October 24, 2018

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Rutledge Haggard called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:50 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Marianne Wells, Chris Kern, and Lily Bao. Myers Park staff present was Judy Florence, Mark Page, Jennifer Rogers, and Joanie Bishop. Absent were: Norman Gidney and Steven Wright.

Item No. 2 Review and Action to approve April 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kern made a motion to approve the July 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes, second by Ms. Bao.

Item No. 3 Update on Farm Museum

In regards to the Collection status, Ms. Rogers reported that the storage is being reorganized and annual inventory has commenced. A group of Collin County 4H students are assisting one Friday a month as their service day. Three Girl Scout Troops are working with Ms. Rogers for their Silver Project to create exhibits for the museum. With the Education programs The Bucolica catalog of workshops offered is being redesigned. Since many of the workshops are filled within the first month of release date, having a catalog listing programs for six months when they are already filled is unnecessary. We are receiving more request for private workshops from church and scout groups as well as for birthday parties/projects for adults and youth. The new design will address these needs. The Farm Museum now uses SignUp Genius for registration purposes. This allows customers to see how many spots are available and they can sign up immediately rather than wait for staff to tell them if their registration is completed or not.

Item No. 4 Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Mr. Page reported that a few cross country meets with the schools were cancelled but some were rescheduled due to the rain. Our usual events of weddings, dog shows, livestock shows have picked up since the fall. Vintage Market Days will be here November 16 to 18. The Collin County Junior Livestock Show is set for January 7 to 12, 2019.

Item No. 5 Update on FY 2018 Approved Budget

Ms. Florence reported that the following has been approved for the budget: Panel gates, show ring gates and hog pens, \$16,807.00. This is due to years of usage and moving because of the different events at the Park and have suffered intense wear and tear and damage. We also budgeted for new chairs since we are experiencing a shortage of the beige chairs because of an increase number of events taking place at the same time and the chairs are suffering from wear and damage by renters, \$11,800.00. And, more Trees for around the Park since many are lost due to age, disease, and storms that leave behind broken limbs and some are uprooted, \$3,000.00. We are requesting the purchase of a new 7' Harrow with 3 plow blades and replaceable tines to be used with our smallest tractor to prepare the dirt and reach the desired outcome for events that utilize the Stall and Show Barns. Our current harrow has teeth that are welded on and is difficult to replace them. The tines are worn and not able to reach the desired finish.

Item No. 6 Update on Park Projects

Ms. Florence reported on the projects that were approved in this year's budget include changing out the current light fixtures in the Stall and Show Barn to LED lighting, replacement of three roll up doors in the Show Barn and the electricity in the Show Barn will be upgraded. The replacement of the Show Barn, Stall Barn and office roof's will get underway sometime in the winter or spring. The concrete of the park roads and parking lot will begin in January following the County Show. Some event areas of the park will be impacted at different times, but we will try to accommodate all events as best we can.

Item No. 7 Discuss any action regarding updating By Laws and/or Farm Museum Foundation

Ms. Wells' research regarding the Farm Museum Foundation reveals that there has not been a Board Meeting or filing since 2010. Ms. Wells tried to get an accountant and a lawyer without success. She said she has begun the paperwork process and they need to file for reinstatement of the Board and for Articles of Incorporation. She suggest that the Myers Park office be the business office for this Board and the Board should consist of people such as area property owners, donors, or a friends group organization. This will all need to go to Court to be approved.

Item No. 8 Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

Item No. 9 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.