

Collin County
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board
Minutes
July 26, 2016

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Rutledge Haggard called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:35 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, and Joanie Bishop.

Item No. 2 Review and Action to approve April 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gidney made a motion to approve the April 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes, second by Ms. Wells.

Item No. 3 Update on Farm Museum

Ms. Rogers reported on the Farm Museum's Collection Status and continues working on the search for qualified appraisers with the Purchasing Department. Her work continues on identifying FICs (Found in Collections) and establishing them as Collin County property. She has recently accepted a donation of a circa 1920s electric toaster and mason jars from Pat R. Bunger. With the Education programs, Ms. Rogers reported she has five homeschool groups that come regularly and several coming once a month starting in September. August 4 is the end of the summer camp program with the soap making classes and cheese making classes being the only ones that had registration. The Youth Program catalog has proven to be successful with schools calling to set up tours for the fall. On Friday, July 29 surveys will be sent out regarding suggestions for new workshops before the fall educational catalog is finalized. Ms. Rogers announced that the Farm Museum will be presenting the first annual Collin County Rural Heritage Fair in May 2017. This will consist of heritage demonstrations, handmade crafts, children's activities, door prizes, and more all with free admission. She has been in touch with different merchants that have shown great interest in participation. Ms. Rogers hopes this will be an annual event that will grow with each year.

Item No. 4 Update on Recent and Future Events at Myers Park

Mr. Page reported that there have been an increase of wedding venues in the area which resulted in this year's numbers to be down from last year, but business is still good. We had a livestock show this month which the turnout was not good due to the heat and the Show Barn not being a climate controlled facility. In the spring we had several weddings, boy and girl scout individual camping events, the boy scout three week twilight event was even bigger this year and in addition to the evening sessions a morning session was added. The Color Fun Run was back at the end of May for another event and was able to use the new parking lot located by the Back 40 area. In November Vintage Market Days will be back along with more dog shows and livestock shows, and many weddings are already scheduled for the fall and spring of 2017.

Item No. 5 Update on Myers Park PIP Projects, Budget Requests and Fees submitted for FY 2017

Ms. Florence reported on the budget requests for FY 2017 and as of right now the harrow is not recommended and do not need to purchase at this time. The requested computers for the Show Barn will not be in the budget for this year. Items that are recommended for the budget are new chairs and dollies for The Landing, two self-dumping hoppers, two trash cans at The Pavilion, 16 cattle ties at the Show Barn, a chipper, an auction sale ring, and an increase for computer supplies for a/v replacement cords. The following items for the Farm Museum were not recommended: artifact photographing equipment, cheese refrigerator for the cheese made at the workshops, and educational supplies refrigerator.

Item No. 6 Update on Myers Park Facility Usage Agreement and Policies

Minor updates were made to each of these forms to include no guns during school activities, extend our reservations to 15 months out, and include no fireworks.

Item No. 7 Update on Large Projects at Myers Park & Event Center

Ms. Florence explained the following items have gone to Commissioners Court recently; Request to accept 150 donated oak trees, Myers Park Fee presentation, Request to advertise for cellular system for the Show Barn, Request for Farm Aid event to have an open bar, and request to advertise for maintenance building. During each of these court dates the commissioners proceeded to pose questions regarding a park plan. In an effort to produce a park plan it has become evident that there are true concerns with looking to add to the park when we have outstanding items that need to be taken care of: one concern is there is no sewer on our property, the roads need to be repaved and this has been a request since 2011; need irrigation in other areas; upgrade the electrical in the Show Barn; the Show Barn roof repair or replace; close-in the restrooms at the Pole Barn to protect from the weather elements and pests. Another area for concern is the water that seeps under the concrete seating at the Amphitheater which is causing this area to be very slippery and stained. A presentation will be prepared for Commissioners Court at a future date.

Item No. 8 Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

Item No. 8 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.