

Collin County
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board
Minutes
July 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 7:40 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Norman Gidney, Marianne Wells, and Chris Kern. Myers Park staff present was Judy Florence, Mark Page, Jennifer Rogers, and Joanie Bishop. Absent were: Steven Wright and Lily Bao.

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

Mr. Gidney made a motion to approve the April 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes, second by Ms. Wells.

Item No. 3 Update on Farm Museum

In regards to the Collection status, Ms. Rogers explained they are currently updating the inventory and Tractor Exhibit. With the Education programs the weekday “Home School Days” and the “Pop Up Programs” continue to work well for the museum; they are very popular. The summer programs are still going strong despite the heat. Workshop morning classes were moved from 10:00 am to 9:00 am, and they were shortened. These changes made an improvement with attendance. Currently, plans are being made to combine the Rural Heritage Fair with the Master Gardeners’ “A Walk in the Park” event for next June instead of May. With the Rural Heritage Fair the Kid’s Marketplace was the most successful element of the Fair and the part that definitely needs kept for next year. We had 57 visitors, 124 vendors and volunteers.

Item No. 4 Update on Projects at Myers Park

Ms. Florence reported that the project for the roofs for the Show Barn and Stall Barn are coming along nicely; funds from this project are from insurance. The project for the roads is progressing with 90% of the drawings finished. Final changes were made recently with the engineer. In regards to the electrical situation at the Show Barn, they have decided they need to add more to the main arena area. At this time, they will not be working to correct the situation with the breakers and plugs. With the preliminary budget, a decision has been made to not add a permanent assistant for Jennifer Rogers at the Farm Museum. However, Ms. Florence will look into the possibility of hiring a temporary/seasonal employee to help Ms. Rogers with the Collections inventory. Our office staff has moved forward in taking part of the new County-wide software system, MUNIS. We currently have one grounds crewman position open, and will be interviewing four applicants next week.

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Item No. 5 Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Mr. Page reported this time of year can be slow with public events. When there are events held at the Show Barn during these summer months such as livestock shows, attendance is very low and shows can close down early due to the heat. However, this weekend a new event called “Christmas in July” will be held in the Show Barn. Come September the Park will be busy again with Cross Country Meets, livestock shows, dog events, horse shows, and of course, many weddings.

Item No. 7 Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

Item No. 8 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.