

Minutes of the Meeting
of the Municipal Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
March 7, 2017

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 7th day of March, 2017 at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members, aldermen and staff in attendance were: Chairman Jim Van Vleet; Vice Chairman David Coleman; Board Member Kreis White; Board Member Sheila Shipman; Board Member Becky Clark; Alderman Brian Stover and Town Planner Wendy Deats. Board Member Layla Bell was unable to attend.

Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the February 7th, 2017 meeting were submitted.

Board Member Shipman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7th, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

2. **Budget Report** – Mrs. Deats reviewed the budget report.

Board Member Coleman made a motion to approve the budget report. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

3. **Updates on Park Projects/Maintenance**

- Decorations at Thompson's Station Park have been removed.
- Signage for Preservation Park (No Hunting, Park Rules, Welcome, etc.) is in the process of being made.
- Fencing adjacent to the Tollgate Trailhead is complete.
- Fencing has been repaired at the railroad crossing
- The creek bed will be filled in and made a nice component of the Park.
- We are still working on quotes for the trash receptacles and benches.
- The Maintenance team is removing the rubble pile at the Dog Park a little at a time as this is a large job.
- The fencing installation adjacent to the bollards at the Dog Park is complete.
- MARS has approached the Town with having a volunteer day in April and installation of the mile marker signs would be a task that would be great for the volunteers.
- The maintenance team has built berms and revised the slope for better drainage on the trail at Thompson's Station park and put new gravel on the trail on the hill by the upper pavilion.
- The culvert at Thompson's Station park was repaired and the old railroad tie was removed.
- The dirt piles adjacent to the parking lot and the red barn at Preservation Park were removed.
- The gravel under the railroad has been filled in.
- The weeds and trees in Preservation Park are being addressed.
- MTEMC removed the Bradford Pear trees on 2/22 & 2/23/17. They will grind the stumps and an arborist has purchased 13 four-foot-tall Arborvitae and will secure 13 additional trees to be planted by the 1st or 2nd week of March. The cost is \$55 per tree.
- "No Dumping" has been added to the park sign rules.
- The Park name will be changed to "Sarah Benson Park". The Board of Mayor and Aldermen have approved the name change.

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4. Dog N Pony Show Update

The two confirmed cash sponsors at this time are Homestead Manor and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. The confirmed activities are the Suspended Gravity Circus, Punkin Chunkin, Freeman Hollow ponies, Team Zoom, Pumpkin painting and Bounce houses. The confirmed kids stage acts are the Enchanted Princesses, Mr. Bond and the Science Guy, Magic Wayne and the Springhill Library Story time, and we have 14 out of 60 vendor spaces full.

5. Community Gardens

Mr. Jordan Bryant came forward to give an update about the community garden. Mr. Cosentini noted that the Town will take care of the bush hogging and plowing. The Town will also install the gate with a combination lock, signage, and a tool shed with a combination lock.

6. Request for corporate event at Thompson's Station Park (applicant – ARx Healthcare)

Ms. Gina Farris came forward to speak on behalf of the applicant.

Board Member White made a motion to approve the ARx Healthcare corporate event at Thompson's Station Park. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

7. Preservation Park Master Plan

HFR came forward to speak about the updates to the draft master plan.


Board Member White mad a motion to approve the Parks Master Plan. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

8. Request to approve proposal for project management and training for trail construction through Preservation Park.

Mr. Bob Richards came forward to speak on behalf of the trail proposal.

Board Member Shipman made a motion to approve the proposal for Preservation Park by Bob's Trails, Trees & Gardens. The motion was seconded an approved unanimously.

Adjourn.



Jim Van Vleet, Chairman