

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**of the Municipal Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee**  
**April 4, 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 4th day of April, 2017 at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members, aldermen and staff in attendance were: Chairman Jim Van Vleet; Board Member Layla Bell; Board Member Kreis White; Board Member Becky Clark; Alderman Brian Stover; Town Administrator Joe Cosentini and Town Planner Wendy Deats. Board Members David Coleman and Sheila Shipman were unable to attend.

**Business:**

1. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were submitted.

**Board Member White made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

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

**Alderman Stover made a motion to approve the budget report as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

3. **Report of Preservation Park Trails – (Bob Richards)**

Mr. Bob Richards with Bob's Trails, Trees & Gardens came forward to present a slide show about the trail improvements.

4. **Request for 6K Run/Walk at Benson Park (Applicant – Ashley Blackburn)**

Ms. Ashley Blackburn came forward to speak on behalf of the World Vision Project and give more information to the Parks Board regarding the event.

**Board Member Layla Bell made a motion to approve use of Benson Park for a 6K run/walk for the World Vision Project. The motion was seconded and approved by all.**

5. **Dog N Pony Show Update**

Additional cash sponsors include Tennessee Foundation systems, TN Equine Hospital and PetSmart. Activities are still confirmed as the same, 22 vendor spots are filled and four kids stage acts are confirmed.

6. **Community Gardens Update**

Chairman Van Vleet gave the update regarding the community volunteer day. Plans are being made for the natural fence close to the garden area rather than by the greenway trail. Plans are also in the works to purchase a utility shed for the garden; several options were given to the Board to choose from.

**Commissioner White made a motion to choose the Heartland Belmont Gable Woodshed as the utility shed for the Community Garden. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

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**7. MARS Volunteer Day Schedule**

Mr. Cosentini informed the Board that two volunteer dates have been scheduled. April 21<sup>st</sup> is scheduled for the Dog Park and May 5<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the sensory garden within Benson Park.

Mrs. Deats updated the Board about the removal of the Bradford Pears from Benson Park and replaced with arborvitaes. Nantucket Viburnum was also recommended by Kevin Herman with MTEMC to plant along the trail.

**Board Member White made a motion to approve the purchase of up to 15 Nantucket Viburnum plants. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

Chairman Van Vleet requested that a Request for Proposal (RFP) be done for the Amphitheater and Greenway trail.

Mrs. Deats & Alderman Stover requested to put a 5K on the agenda for June to help different charities/community events.

Adjourn.

  
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Jim Van Vleet, Chairman