

Minutes of the Meeting
of the Municipal Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
May 8, 2017

Call to Order:

In lieu of the originally scheduled meeting for May 2, 2017, 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 8th day of May, 2017 at the Thompson's Station Town Hall with the required quorum. Members, aldermen and staff in attendance were: Chairman Jim Van Vleet; Board Member Sheila Shipman; Board Member David Coleman; Board Member Layla Bell; Board Member Kreis White; Board Member Becky Clark; Town Planner Wendy Deats. Alderman Brian Stover was unable to attend.

Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting were submitted.

Board Member White made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4th, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. **Budget Report** – Mrs. Deats reviewed the budget report and noted that the budget was amended to include \$2000 for the new sign at the park to rename it to “Benson Park”, leaving approximately \$15,300 in unencumbered funds. No other changes were proposed.

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

3. **Memorial Bench and Tree Planting – Barry and Marcia Weinstein**

Marcia Weinstein came forward to request to put a bench in Thompson's Station Park, and plant a tree later in the fall.

Board Member White made a motion to approve the installation of a Park Bench in honor of Max Weinstein in Thompson's Station Park. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Board Member Coleman then made a motion to approve installation of a tree at a later date. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

4. **Humbard/Creel Wedding at Thompson's Station Park – (Briana Humbard and Austin Creel)**

Briana Humbard and Austin Creel came forward to speak on their behalf.

Board Member Shipman made a motion to approve use of Thompson's Station Park for the Humbard/Creel wedding. The motion was seconded and carried by all.

5. **Independence High School Wrestling Event (Fred Heller)**

Fred Keller came forward to speak on behalf of the Independence High School wrestling club. Would like to host an event (Grapple on the Grid Iron) on Sunday May 28th, 2017. Would like to use the Town's Park area for a firework show at 9:00 pm. They have secured a firework company, PyroShows to put the show on.

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Board Member White made a motion to approve the variance from the Town's firework policy to allow the Independence Wrestling Team to sponsor a show with provisions that the Company present a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as the additional insured, with the understanding only the primary site and not the secondary site be used to launch the pyrotechnics, permitting be obtained through all the proper authorities and the property be cleaned thoroughly. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Hike to the Station and Back -- (Ed Cagle)

Chairman VanVleet updated the Board regarding a community hike from Tollgate Village to Town Center.

7. Preservation Trail Update

Mrs. Deats updated the Board. Trail 1 is open, trail 2 will be released for bid if the RFP is acceptable to the Board. The RFQ for the amphitheater and other improvements will be released as well if acceptable to the Board.

8. Dog N Pony Show Update

We have two new sponsors, TN Leaf for \$800 and The Advertiser as a media sponsor.

9. Community Gardens Update

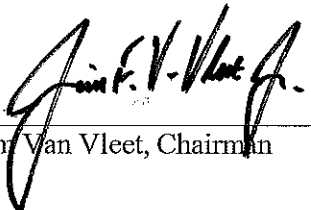
Jordan Bryant came forward to give an update.

Tee posts were put down for labeling plots, so they are ready for berries at some point. The shed is here and ready to be put together and a volunteer work day is scheduled for May 20. The water is operating. The board would like 5 raspberry bushes, 5 blueberry bushes and 5 blackberry bushes.

Sarah Benson came forward and updated the Board that the MARS Park Volunteer Day has been re-scheduled for May 19th in Sarah Benson Park. Plants have been ordered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Adjourn.



Jim Van Vleet, Chairman