



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 AT 5:15 PM

Committee Meeting Attendance:

- Town of Stokesdale Town Park Improvement Committee members present:
 - Mr. Derek Foy
 - Mr. Jimmy Landreth
 - Mr. Thomas N. “Tee” Stephenson, Jr.
- Town of Stokesdale residents present:
 - None present
- Town of Stokesdale staff members present:
 - Mr. Robbie Lee Wagoner II, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Call To Order

- The Town of Stokesdale Town Park Improvement Committee (“The Committee”) was called to order by Chairperson Tee Stephenson at 5:20pm.

2. Discussion of Improvements to Town Park


- Derek Foy made a motion to adopt the committee meeting as written.
 - Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.
 - All present members of The Committee voted in favor of the motion.
- Derek Foy presented the idea of The Committee creating a general budget to focus on for the future improvements and enhancements to the Town Park.
 - Derek Foy presented the idea of giving this budgeted amount to Cobie Ellington and allowing her to custom design a playground set for the Town Park.
- Derek Foy asked the present members of The Committee to discuss what items they would like to see at the Town Park.
 - Jimmy Landreth and Tee Stephenson both mentioned that they would like to see exercise equipment installed at the Town Park. This exercise equipment should focus on upper-body strength (ie: pull-up bars, monkey bars, rock-climbing wall, etc.).
- Tee Stephenson presented the present members of The Committee with a printed excerpt from the September 15 – 28, 2022, edition of the Northwest Observer. This document is titled “PTO seeks donor or donations for paving pathway, basketball court”. This document highlights the need for wheelchair accessibility at the Stokesdale Elementary School.
- All present members of The Committee discussed the estimated budget:

- The Committee referenced that there is approximately 400 thousand dollars to spend on the improvements /enhancements to the Town Park.
- Derek Foy believes that the total cost of the amphitheater project will cost approximately 250 thousand dollars.
 - Tee Stephenson introduced his opinion that 275 thousand dollars would be a good approximation for the cost of the amphitheater project.
- Derek Foy believes that the total cost of the playground set will cost approximately 100 thousand dollars.
 - Tee Stephenson introduced his opinion that 80 thousand dollars would be a good approximation for the cost of the playground set.
 - Derek Foy agreed with this opinion.
 - After discussion, Jimmy Landreth agreed with Tee Stephenson and Derek Foy that 80 thousand dollars would be a good approximation for the cost of the playground set.
 - Tee Stephenson introduced the importance of The Committee doing their due diligence and plan to spend under budget to account for overages.
- Jimmy Landreth introduced the importance of adding nature trails to the Town Park based on the desire of this addition by town residents according to the 2020 Stokesdale Town Park survey.
- Derek Foy presented all present members of The Committee with color samples for the top of the roof of the amphitheater, as well as wood samples for the bottom of the roof of the amphitheater.
 - Derek Foy preferred the green or brown color sample for the room.
 - Jimmy Landreth preferred the green color sample. Jimmy was not in favor of the brown color sample for the roof because the posts will be brown, and he would like to see a variation in colors.
 - Tee Stephenson preferred the green color sample for the roof.
 - Derek Foy preferred the burnt hickory sample.
 - Jimmy Landreth preferred the new redwood sample.
 - Tee Stephenson preferred the hickory sample.
 - All present members of The Committee agreed to keep an open mind on the color of the top of the roof and the exposed wood type on the bottom on the roof during their decision making.
- Derek Foy asked Jimmy Landreth and Tee Stephenson to take pictures of their favorite images from the catalog provided by Cobie Ellington at the September 07, 2022, Committee Meeting. Then, share these pictures with Cobie Ellington to give her an idea of what to design. Also, present a proposed budget of 80 thousand dollars to Cobie Ellington.
- Tee Stephenson explained that he will attempt to email Cobie Ellington within the next week with the agreed upon ideas and budget amount by The Committee.


3. Adjournment

- Jimmy Landreth made the motion to adjourn at 5:55pm.
 - Derek Foy seconded the motion to adjourn.
 - All present members of The Committee voted in favor of the motion.
 - Being no further business to come before The Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Approved: Thursday, October 20, 2022


Mr. Thomas N. Stephenson, Jr.
Committee Chairperson

ATTEST:


Mr. Robbie Lee Wagoner II
Deputy Town Clerk