



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
DECEMBER 01, 2022 AT 5:15 PM

Committee Meeting Attendance:

- Town of Stokesdale Town Park Improvement Committee members present:
 - Mr. Thomas N. “Tee” Stephenson, Jr.
 - Mr. Derek Foy
 - Mr. Jimmy Landreth
 - Mrs. Deanna Ragan
- Town of Stokesdale residents present:
 - None present
- Town of Stokesdale staff members present:
 - 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 5:23pm.

2. Adopt The Agenda.

- Derek Foy made a motion to adopt the agenda, as written, for the Thursday, December 1, 2022, Town Park Improvement Committee meeting.
 - Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.
 - All present members of The Committee voted in favor of the motion.
 - The motion carried.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from The Town Park Improvement Committee Meetings held on Thursday, October 27, 2022, Thursday, November 03, 2022, and Thursday, November 17, 2022.

- Derek Foy made the motion to approve the minutes from The Committee meetings held on Thursday, October 27, 2022, Thursday, November 03, 2022, and Thursday, November 17, 2022.
 - Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.
 - All present members of The Committee voted in favor of the motion.
 - The motion carried.

4. Discussion of Improvements to Town Park.

- Derek Foy discussed the costs of the amphitheater project at the Town Park. Along with this discussion, Derek Foy presented an email from Andrew G. Wells, Vice

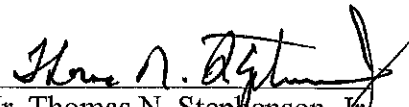
- President of Preconstruction Services, on November 18, 2022, titled "Town of Stokesdale Amphitheater". This email contained the budget of the amphitheater project as designed by Lori Hawkins. This email also contained some recommendations of eliminations to the original design that would reduce the overall cost of the amphitheater project.
- Jimmy Landreth discussed the importance of updating the Town Council on the current status of the plans to improve the Town Park.
 - Jimmy Landreth added that the addition of specific details and images would be beneficial to the overall presentation to the Town Council.
 - Jimmy Landreth added that the specific details and images should be provided to the Town Council well in advance so that each member of the Town Council will have adequate time to review the information before making a vote.
 - Jimmy Landreth discussed the importance of a public event, such as a public hearing, that would allow the voices of Stokesdale residents to be heard regarding the planned improvements of the Town Park.
 - All present members of The Committee agreed that a public event, such as a public hearing, should be held in order to allow for openness and transparency.
 - Derek Foy and Tee Stephenson discussed the importance of the Town holding a special called Town Council meeting to discuss the planned improvements for the Town Park.
 - All present members of The Committee agreed that this special called meeting would be beneficial in the hopes that Stokesdale residents would be more likely to attend a special called meeting that will be solely based on the presentation of the planned improvements of the Town Park.
 - All present members of The Committee agreed that the original amphitheater design provided by Lori Hawkins should be presented to the Town Council, as well as the Stokesdale residents during this meeting. However, it should be noted that the landscaping will not be included during the initial construction of the amphitheater.
 - All present members of The Committee discussed the elimination of certain aspects of the original design of the amphitheater project to reduce the overall cost.
 - All present members of The Committee were in favor of removing the landscaping from the sign, thus saving 40 thousand dollars from the overall cost.
 - All present members of The Committee discussed the idea of allowing local gardening clubs the ability to oversee the landscaping around the amphitheater.
 - All present members of The Committee discussed the idea of allowing Stokesdale residents the ability to purchase trees/plants in honor/memory of someone and having them planted around the amphitheater.
 - All present members of The Committee discussed the idea of hosting a special called Town Council meeting with the only agenda item being that of a public forum that will allow The Committee to present the current plans for the improvements of the Town Park, as well as allow Stokesdale residents the opportunity to voice their opinions on the plans.

- Deanna Ragan and Tee Stephenson added the importance of reminding the Stokesdale residents that The Committee has based their improvement plans on the results from a 2020 interest survey.
- Jimmy Landreth added the importance of including a sense of urgency in the advertisement of this public forum. He would like for the Stokesdale residents to understand that this meeting may be their last chance to speak on the matter before the money is spent.

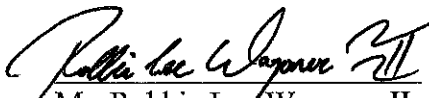
5. Adjournment.

- Jimmy Landreth made the motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm.
 - Tee Stephenson 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 6:34 pm.

Approved: **01-03-2023**


Mr. Thomas N. Stephenson, Jr.
Committee Chairperson

ATTEST:


Mr. Robbie Lee Wagoner II
Deputy Town Clerk