

**Town of Thompson's Station
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Special Called Meeting Agenda
June 22, 2017**

Meeting Called To Order

Discussion Items:

1. Bid Review For Preservation Park

Bob's Trails, Trees & Gardens submitted a bid for the construction of phase 2 natural surface hiking trail at Preservation Park

Documents:

[BOBS TRAILS TREES AND GARDENS BID.PDF](#)

Adjourn

*This meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall
1550 Thompson's Station Road West*

Bob's Trails, Trees & Gardens



June 9, 2017

Mrs. Wendy Deats, Town Planner
Town of Thompson's Station
1550 Thompsons Station Road West
Thompson's Station, TN 37179

Dear Ms. Deats:

SECTION I:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a project proposal for the hiking trail construction of Trail 2 at Preservation Park. The attached documentation provides the requested information concerning the Qualifications of Bob's Trails, Trees and Gardens and shows that the company has the skills and experience to construct a premier trail at this park.

Mr. Richards will be the project manager for this project, be on site daily during the construction, and will physically build the trail, both by hand and using rental equipment as needed. He will use some additional labor sources as needed to complete the project in a timely manner.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this proposal to the Thompson's Station and please let me know if you have additional questions about this proposal.

Sincerely,



Robert (Bob) Richards, CPRP, CMTB

Preservation Park Hiking Trail Proposal

Thompsons Station, Tennessee

Prepared by

Bob's Trails, Trees & Gardens

Robert (Bob) Richards, CPRP, CMTB, Owner

P.O. Box 11503

Knoxville, TN 37939

June 9, 2017

SECTION II Proposer Qualifications

This proposal was prepared at the request of the Thompsons Station as a response to the Request For Proposal (RFP) released on May 10, 2017 with an extended deadline of June 9, 2017. The Prime Contact for this proposal is Robert (Bob) Richards, email address is Trailbob51@outlook.com . Cellphone number is 615-210-1932, Text or talk. Mr. Richards is the owner of and DBA, Bob's Trails, Trees and Gardens, a Sole Proprietorship company. He owns 100% of the company and has no partners.

Mr. Richards has over 40 years of experience in trail planning, trail design and route marking and has constructed over 100 miles of trails in local and state parks. His resume is attached to show his accomplishments. He has over 31 years of service with the state of Tennessee and for the last 11.5 years has been the statewide Tennessee Greenways and Trails Coordinator with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Recreation Services Division.

He has been the project manager for trail construction and maintenance in numerous Tennessee State Parks, was a state park planner developing 13 state park strategic management plans and a state of Tennessee regional park and recreation technical consultant. He also worked as the Director of Property and Facilities with the Middle Tennessee Girl Scout Council operating and managing 10 Girl Scout Camps totaling 100 structures and 1,000 acres of land. Mr. Richards has previously worked with the Town of Thompsons Station on trails in the City Park and Heritage Park and has consulted on the potential greenway trails with the town planner.

Since 1987, Bob has owned and operated a small business working on trails, trees and landscaping and retired from the state of Tennessee at the end of 2016. He is now working full time as a private consultant working with city governments and non profit organizations doing trail planning, project management, grant writing and administration as well as consulting on other operations and management issues.

He has worked extensively with several non-profit organizations, foremost is being the volunteer project manager on trail projects at Beaman Park, Nashville, TN, His work with the Friends of Beaman Park includes trail design/layout of 1.2 miles of new trails, trail construction and maintenance, trail bridge construction and a 350 foot long accessible boardwalk which was complaint with federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Over the past 40 years, he has trained hundreds of volunteers the skills of trail construction/maintenance and provided work day oversight for these volunteers.

He has contacted the current state of Tennessee, Tennessee State Parks, Trails and Vistas Coordinator about using this person as additional labor to complete this trail construction project. This person expressed an interest in being a part of this project and he will be able to make recommendations if an additional person is needed, that person will have trail construction experience.

This contract will NOT be assigned to any other company during the term of the project.

SECTION III Proposed Work

Bob's Trails, Trees and Gardens was hired by the Town of Thompsons's Station in March, 2017 to provide trail design and route marking services for Trail 1 & 2 at Preservation Park. This contract was completed on time and under budget with over 2.0 miles of trail route marked.

Mr. Richards personally did this design work and so is very familiar with the trail route and requirements needed to build this trail. There are several unique places on this trail and Mr. Richards has the sensitivity and finesse to build the trail to minimize the impact of trail construction on these features of the park.

References:

Ms. Nancy Dorman, President

Friends of Beaman Park

Nancydorman@yahoo.com

615-202-5891 cell, 615-532-0039 work

From 2005 to 2012, Nancy and I worked on 4 major trail projects (a 56' long x 4' wide trail bridge, 2 hiking trails totaling 1.3 miles and the accessible trails there at Beaman Park. The Accessible trail project included a 350 linear feet boardwalk that was six feet wide and terminated at a large oak tree so you could Hug the Tree! There were an additional 0.3 miles of tar and chip trails developed as a part of this project.

Total Cost

Total Maximum Cost of this proposal is \$29,950.00 which is a Maximum Cost, Not To Exceed amount for the complete project. A project budget is attached as part of this proposal with the proposed individual line items cost estimates shown.

Cost for the trail construction is shown on a linear foot basis (not hourly rates) using trail construction industry standards based on specific project requirements including the terrain of the project and difficulty of clearing the trail corridor. Trail corridor clearing will be 6-8 feet wide and 9-10 feet tall. Finished trail tread construction widths will be 24-30 inches wide. No trail bridges are needed for this project, but a couple of rocks need to be placed in low areas to act as stepping stones in wet weather areas.

There would be no additional costs associated with this project and an initial retainer payment would be required and additional timely payments would be to be made as

invoiced. Invoices will be pro-rated and based on the actual expenses incurred and work completed.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact Mr. Richards at 615-210-1932 or trailbob51@outlook.com .

ACCEPTED:

Town of Thompsons Station

Signature

Date

Title

Bob's Trails, Trees & Gardens

Signature

Date

Title

Current trail project for a private landowner in western Williamson County off Highway 96, project is approximately 40% complete. Photo is representative of the finished trail to be built at Preservation Park.



