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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in special session on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Dennis Finco, Lyle Gillette, Martin Krautter, Sandy Salisbury, & Gary Swant

Members Absent: None

County Commissioner: Donna Young (absent)

Staff: Brian Bender

Guests: Brian Bartkowiak (MT DEQ)

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Salisbury called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – New Member Introduction (Lyle Gillette)

President Salisbury introduced Lyle Gillette as the Board's new member.

Agenda Item #3 – Roll Call

Five Members being present established a quorum.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

Member Swant moved, with Member Finco seconding, to approve the October 17th Minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of five to zero.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

Agenda Item #6 – Regular Business

a. Financial report

Commissioner Young supplied the report showing a balance of \$27,874.46 at the end of September.

Planning Director Bender noted the expenses associated with the recent projects will appear on the October report.

- b. Approval of expenditures
None.

Agenda Item #7 – DEQ (Brian Bartkowiak)

Brian Bartkowiak apologized for the delay over the last several months between the time when he first presented the Sampling Plan to the Park Board and its actual completion. He confirmed the sampling is completed, and are being prepared for analysis. TerraGraphics collected samples in the area of the new picnic pavilion. Bartkowiak also noted that the remediation work will start in the spring.

Member Finco asked of the old highway.

President Salisbury responded there is a need to determine ownership.

President Salisbury asked if DEQ is prepared to stabilize the river's eroding bank.

Brian Bartkowiak said the agency will address the eroded areas during the full-scale design effort for the remediation work.

Member Swant asked what the samples will show.

Brian Bartkowiak said some metal salts. He does not expect any significant problems.

Member Swant asked of the site's history.

Brian Bartkowiak explained the site had lime tilled into the soil with no soil removal.

Member Swant asked what the work will entail.

Brian Bartkowiak explained the work will consists of removing the soil to a depth of six-inches.

Member Krautter asked of trees and other plantings.

Brian Bartkowiak confirmed any new plantings will need new soil.

President Salisbury asked of weed control.

Brian Bartkowiak explained Karen has some oversight and that he is willing to coordinate a weed program with her.

Member Krautter asked what is the State's long-term responsibility for the Park.

Brian Bartkowiak noted the State has a five-year custody for any remediated sites through the CERCLA Program.

Agenda Item #8 – Regional Restoration Economy Analysis / Study (WRC)

President Salisbury introduced the item and explained how Ted Dodge of the Watershed Restoration Coalition would like a letter of support for the study.

Member Swant questioned if the Park Board is really in a position to compose an intelligent letter on the subject.

President Salisbury summarized Ted Dodge's concept of how the community can benefit economically from the clean-up effort along the Clark Fork River.

The Park Board entered into a general discussion regarding the health of the river and its influence on local fisheries.

Agenda Item #9 – Long-Range Planning Survey Results

The Park Board held a general discussion regarding the results from the twenty-four submitted surveys.

Member Swant speculated that the Board could install a toilet by the boat launch as indicated by the written comments.

Member Swant noted the survey results validate how visitors use the park – walkers and people with dogs.

Member Swant offered the possibility of obtaining a used toilet for placement by the boat launch.

Member Finco asked if the Board intends having a public viewing session.

Planning Director Bender explained he does not have the time to prepare the exhibits and that the Department will be hiring a GIS Technician at the start of the year who could assist with the graphics.

Member Krautter expressed the importance of any changes to the Park originate from lots of research.

Member Swant agreed and saw the need for a new survey focusing on possible improvements for the eastside (the triangle).

The Planning Board in general consensus agreed to go ahead with a revised survey.

Member Swant moved, with Member Krautter seconding, to explore the possibility of installing a used Forest Service or a low cost toilet by the boat launch. The Board approved the motion through a vote of five to zero.

Member Swant expressed the need to have a plan in place by June 1st.

Agenda Item #10 – Park Improvements Update

Planning Director Bender described the concrete slab for the new picnic pavilion is poured and Southwest Contractors intends to return within a week to start and finish the carpentry.

Planning Director Bender informed the Board that he toured the Park with Jeff McQueary of M & P Excavating highlighting the changes the Board identified during last month’s inspection. He continued by saying M & P is willing to do the project, however with the start of winter-like weather, the work will have to wait until the spring. Bender also needs to sketch out the improvements to help fully describe them to McQueary.

Agenda Item #11 – Board Members & Committee Reports

President Salisbury said she is going to have the Museum provide a detailed account of time their staff spends on Park maintenance items.

Planning Director Bender asked if President Salisbury could during her discussions with the Museum, asked if they could explain their intentions with the former Yellowstone Trail Bridge since the County may be able to incorporate the bridge in the park proposal for the Milwaukee Roundhouse.

Agenda Item #12 – County Commissioner’s Update

None.

Agenda Item #13 - Staff Reports & Informational Items

President Salisbury discussed a complaint she received regarding the lack of snow removal on the trail after the recent snowfall. She noted the Museum staff cleared the trail later on Sunday afternoon.

The Park Board agreed a tour of Beaver Dam Park in Opportunity is necessary to view how park elements function in a more developed setting.

Agenda Item #14 – Public Comments

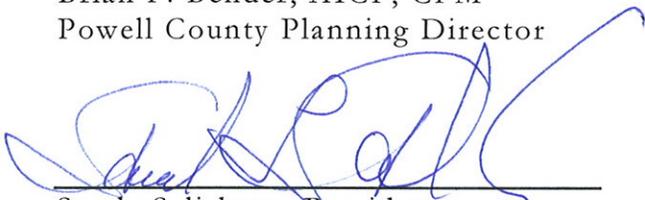
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Agenda Item #15 - Adjournment

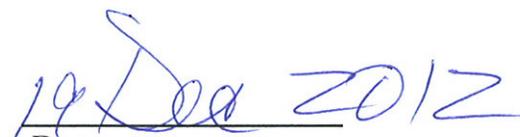
Member Swant moved, with Member Krautter seconding, to adjourn the meeting. The Board approved the motion through a vote of five to zero.

President Salisbury declared the meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian P. Bender, AICP, CFM
Powell County Planning Director



Sandy Salisbury, President



Date