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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Jim Anderson, John Porter, Bob Rase, Bob Stone, & Gary Swant

Members Absent: None

County Commissioner: None

Staff: Brian Bender

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Swant called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Welcoming New Members – Bob Rase & Bob Stone

President Swant welcomed Bob Rase and Bob Stone as the Board's newest members. He noted the Mayor appointed Bob Stone to the Board.

Agenda Item #3 – Roll Call

Five Members being present establish a quorum.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

President Swant observed a typo on Page #2 under Item #8 as there appears to be a word missing.

Member Rase moved, with Member Porter seconding, to approve the January 15th Minutes as corrected. 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

The Park Board reviewed the report showing a balance of \$22,533 as of January 31st. President Swant confirmed he installed five “icy trails” signs.

Planning Director Bender said the price of the signs were approximately \$55.

Vice President Anderson moved, with Member Rase seconding, to approve the Financial report as presented. The Board approved the motion through a vote of five to zero.

b. Approval of expenditures

None.

Agenda Item #7 – Chamber of Commerce Sign Agreement

President Swant explained the intent of the agreement, and the frustration of trying to get the Chamber of Commerce to respond as lack of quorums at their meetings prevented the Chamber from taking action.

The Park Board entered into a general discussion regarding how to make second approach to the Chamber of Commerce.

After considering various options, President Swant instructed Planning Director Bender to compose a letter asking the Chamber to respond.

Agenda Item #8 – Trail Snow Removal

President Swant explained his recent telephone conversations with John O’Donnell as they discussed Museum’s untimely removal of snow from the trail after a recent storm. He continued by describing how the maintenance crew did not start the removal until a subsequent instructions from Mr. O’Donnell.

President Swant informed the Board that Mr. O’Donnell expressed difficulties of managing the daily operations of the Museum from Helena.

President Swant stated he wants to see the snow removed from edge to edge and not a narrow path resulting from a single pass.

Member Porter agreed, as there are plenty of visitors at the Park throughout the winter.

Member Stone asked if the City collects the trash at the Park.

President Swant responded with a yes.

Member Stone asked if the City Police locks the Park at night.

Planning Director Bender said he believes the County Sheriff has the key and locks the gate each night.

Agenda Item #9 – January 30th Trails Planning Meeting Summary

President Swant announced he was unable to attend.

Planning Director Bender gave the Park Board a summary of the meeting. He continued by saying the group is looking to hold a public forum sometime in April and probably there will not be another meeting before then.

Planning Director Bender explained he will send out to the Park Board for their review the draft vision statement and the four supporting goals created from the group's comments / thoughts. He also commented the group needs to conceive a less awkward title for the effort as *Powell County and the City of Deer Lodge jointly* simply is not imaginative enough.

Agenda Item #10 – Board Members & Committee Reports

Vice President Anderson expressed an interest to see the woody debris removed from the Park.

Member Porter asked if the chipping the material is a viable option.

President Swant agreed the material needs removal, and scheduled a meeting for Monday (the 24th) at 1 PM for members who could attend to view the situation and discuss ways to remove the piles.

Member Porter asked if the Board is interested in having the west parking area paved.

President Swant advised Member Porter to pursue with obtaining a price quote.

The Park Board held a general discussion if the Park should have a RV dump station. The Board agreed there would be floodplain issues, and the need for water from a well.

Agenda Item #11 – County Commissioner's Update

None.

Agenda Item #12 – Staff Reports & Information Items

Planning Director Bender explained the different planning projects that the Park Board has some responsibility in their outcome. These include: (1) County / City Trails Plan; (2) Arrowstone Park Master Plan; and (3) Trestle Park.

Planning Director Bender explained to the Park Board of his recent discussion with Kascie Herron a Big Sky Watershed Corps Member with the Clark Fork Coalition. He continued by saying Ms. Herron is willing to help the Board with public outreach during their planning projects.

President Swant will contact Kascie Herron.

President Swant asked if there were any responses from Larry Rennfield regarding the status of his property.

Planning Director Bender responded he has not received any answers from Mr. Rennfield's attorney.

Planning Director Bender explained how various entities own the land ownership that comprises the Park for the benefit of the new members.

Agenda Item #13 – Public Comments

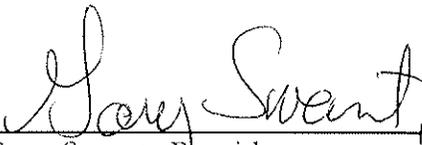
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Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn

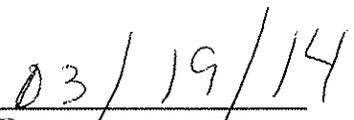
By consensus, the Park Board adjourned the meeting at 3 PM.

President Swant confirmed the next meeting is on March 19th at 3 PM.

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



Gary Swant, President



Date