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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: Jim Anderson

County Commissioner: Donna Young

Staff: Brian Bender

Guests: Katie Garcin, & Kascie Herron

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Swant called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Four Members being present established a quorum.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

President Swant noted a correction on page #3 (contact instead conduct).

President Swant asked if Planning Director Bender obtained any information regarding how other communities manage dog wastes at their parks.

Planning Director Bender informed the Board he did not get a chance to do any research.

President Swant described the presence of graffiti in the bathroom and suggested the need to repaint the wall.

The Park Board agreed the wall needs painting.

Member Stone moved, with Member Porter seconding, to approve the April 16th Minutes as corrected. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Hearings

None.

Agenda Item #5 – Regular Business

a. Financial Report

The Park Board reviewed the report showing a balance of \$19,561.20 as of April 30th.

Member Stone moved, with Member Porter seconding, to approve the Financial Report as presented. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

b. Approval of expenditures

None.

Agenda Item #6 – Montana DEQ Weed Spray Activities – Katie Garcin

Katie Garcin explained the DEQ's contractor is going to start on Thursday. She continued by noting that the expectation is that after a big effort last year, this year should go much easier.

Katie Garcin identified the contractors, and the plan is to include a boat sprayer as well. She continued by describing how the contractors work and how they invoice DEQ.

Member Stone asked if weed migrate along railroad tracks.

Katie Garcin responded by saying that is a good possibility.

Katie Garcin invited any Park Board member to attend a preliminary walk through with the contractors on Thursday.

Agenda Item #7 – Community Workday – Kascie Herron

Kascie Herron summarized her efforts to date and explained the draft posters / flyers she prepared to advertised the event.

President Swant noted Jim Anderson has a commitment from Valley Foods to provide box lunches at \$6 a lunch with McDonalds providing two containers of juice.

The Park Board generally discussed how many tools will be necessary (approximately a dozen rakes) and how to obtain them. The Board instructed Brian Bender to see how many tools the County can supply.

The Park Board agreed to inspect the Park one week before the Workday.

The Park Board discussed the following items: (1) The online posting of a notice; (2) A radio ad and an on-air interview; (3) A press release; (4) The number of volunteers; (5) Church bulletin postings; (6) School contacts; and (7) Door prizes.

Agenda Item #8 – Main Street Sign

Planning Director Bender explained why this item is on the agenda.

President Swant noted the sign is in good shape but there are concerns with its visibility.

County Commissioner Young described a situation she recently encountered of a sign placement along a State Highway.

The Park Board advised Brian Bender to contact the Montana State Prison's Sign Shop regarding the creation of signs "Park Entrance ¼ Mile" and "Park Entrance."

President Swant remarked on the poor condition (ruts and holes) of the Park's main entrance.

County Commissioner Young responded that the entrance lies in Commissioner Pohle's District and Road Crew #1 is starting several projects so, they will not have the chance to make any immediate repairs.

Agenda Item #9 – New Trees

Planning Director Bender explained the situation as the County has up to twenty trees available. Originally intended to replace trees the EPA removed last summer when working along Tin Cup Joe Creek. Unfortunately, the presence of contaminants at the Milwaukee Roundhouse is going to delay the development of the proposed park, and the tree planting.

Planning Director Bender asked the opinion of the Park Board of the suitability of planting the trees at the Park.

President Swant expressed concerns with tree maintenance and watering.

Member Porter advised the Board, they may want to start thinking about the future installation of a watering system.

Katie Garcin noted DEQ would assist with the removal of contaminated soil from any excavations.

The Park Board decided against the planting of the trees at the Park.

Agenda Item #10 – Community Service Workers

Member Stone summarized his recent conversations with community officials who agree that a program is beneficial for the community.

Agenda Item #11 – Board Members & Committee Reports

Member Stone informed the Board that he approached several snow removal contractors regarding their interest of submitting estimates for plowing the parking lots, however; none have got back to him.

Member Stone described the recent interest in Anaconda for developing new recreational trails.

President Swant described his recent discussion with Bob Toole regarding the sign agreement. He continued by remarking this is the first time he heard of resistance from the Chamber of Commerce for accepting the agreement.

The Park Board discussed the situation with the two signs and recognized there is a need to compose a formalize strategy for their existence or eventual removal.

The Park Board decided to provide the Chamber of Commerce another month to see if they prepare a formal response for the Board to consider.

The Park Board agreed to provide Larry Rennfield another month before contacting Town Pump regarding the sign lease.

Agenda Item #12 – County Commissioner’s Update

None.

Agenda Item #13 – Staff Reports & Informational Items

a. Master Plan Update

Planning Director Bender described the recent efforts associated with the Plan including the completion of a base map, and the creation of draft document cover. He continued by explaining the intent of the proposed Table of Contents.

Agenda Item #14 – Public Comments

None.

Agenda Item #15 – Adjourn

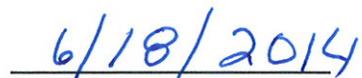
By consensus, the Park Board adjourned the meeting at 4:33 PM.

President Swant confirmed the next meeting is on June 18th at 3 PM and Patti Ward of Hedgeworks will be present to provide the Board with an update.

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



Gary Swant, President



Date