



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Jim Anderson, John Porter, Bob Rase, Bob Stone (arrived at 4:10 PM), & Gary Swant

**Members Absent:** None

**County Commissioner:** Donna Young

**Staff:** Brian Bender

**Guests:** Chris Laity, & Renee Lemon (via a conference call)

#### 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

a. November 18<sup>th</sup>

Member Rase moved, with Vice President Anderson seconding, to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes as prepared. 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 November 30<sup>th</sup> Report showing a balance of \$11,901.36.

Planning Director Bender noted the purchase of the quad and plow for \$8,398.70.

President Swant noted the payment of \$350 for pumping the vault toilets.

Member Porter moved, with Vice President Anderson seconding, to accept the Report. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

b. Approval of expenditures

None.

**Agenda Item #6 – Master Plan**

a. Priority of Options (Renee Lemon of GWE)

Chris Laity explained the Summary Matrix, and its attempt to prioritize the Public Forum's results.

Renee Lemon described how Chris and herself created a Decision Matrix to allow the Park Board to select what projects to select or eliminate.

The Park Board discussed the results and their influence on the planning process.

Renee Lemon suggested the Planning Board drop the lowest ranked or the ones below a score of 100. She continued by saying the Board should keep items that are complementary.

The Park Board decided on the following items:

West Side

Keep: Benches & Picnic Tables, Interpretive Signage, Native Plantings, Enhanced Kiosks, Better River Access, and change Pave to Gravel the Parking Lot.

Eliminate: Trail west of Clark Fork River

East Side Triangle

Keep: Grass Trail, Frisbee Golf Course, Exercise Course & Stations, Pavilion for Community Events, Performance Stage, and Skate Park (associated with an access study).

Eliminate: Equestrian Center

East Side Middle

Keep: Wetland Observation Deck, Trees Along Main Street, Gravel Trails, and Primitive Campsites.

Eliminate: Small Gazebo for Events, Dog Park, and Dirt BMX Track.

East Side Boat Launch

Keep: Connectivity with West Side, More Native Plantings, Gateway Signage, Expand Boat Launch, Picnic Shelters, New Kiosk/Signage, and change Pave to Gravel the Parking Lot.

The Park Board discussed the following items: (1) Combining the pavilion and performance stage into a single structure; (2) Expanding the Boat Launch; (3) Extend sidewalks from the City's network; (4) Pedestrian crossing for the State Highway; and (5) The need to install plant species tolerant to the location.

b. Progress Update

Planning Director Bender explained Great West Engineering will further investigate the selected options. He continued by saying GWE will have additional analysis over the next couple of weeks.

**Agenda Item #7 – MT DEQ Assistance**

a. December 16<sup>th</sup> Discussion with Commissioners

Commissioner Young summarized the discussion the County Commissioners had with MT DEQ. She continued by confirming the agency will fund the request contained in President Swant's letter. The agency will also continue their weed spraying at the Park.

Planning Director Bender noted the agency is looking to create a more formalize agreement to respond to future requests.

**Agenda Item #8 – Chamber of Commerce Sign**

Planning Director Bender announced there are no updates.

**Agenda Item #9 – Board Members & Committee Reports**

President Swant described the recent situation when construction crews replaced two, telephone poles at the Park without first contacting the County. He continued by explaining his conversations with various Northwestern Energy personnel regarding the importance of informing the County / Park Board before doing any work at the Park.

Planning Director Bender noted he discussed the situation with Brian Bartkowiak. He continued by saying Mr. Bartkowiak agreed to test the soil, however, he suspects the soil is not a threat.

President Swant explained the recent snow removal efforts by Zac Tindal. He continued by saying the quad's registration and plate arrived.

Member Rase offered to pick up a horn to ensure the quad is road legal.

**Agenda Item #10 – County Commissioner's Update**

Commissioner Young explained how the County might be able to swap land with the Mr. and Mrs. Forson and Larry Rennfield.

Commissioner Young noted the County Commissioners approved the revisions to the Board's Bylaws.

**Agenda Item #11 – Staff Reports & Informational Items**

a. Forson / Rennfield Property Discussion

Planning Director Bender described the outcome of the recent meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Forson being receptive to the proposal.

**Agenda Item #12 – Public Comments**

None.

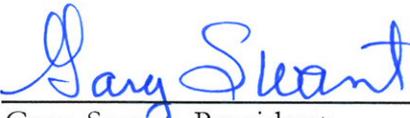
**Agenda Item #13 – Adjourn**

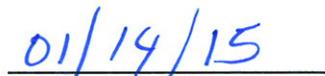
President Swant announced the January meeting will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Park Board through consensus adjourned the meeting.

President Swant adjourned the meeting at 4:25 PM.

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

  
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Gary Swant, President

  
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