



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 2017 at 4:30 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Gary Swant, Julie Croglio, Bob Rase, Bob Stone, Andy Fischer

**Members Absent:** None

**County Commissioner:** Doug Crachy

**Staff:** Carl Hamming

**Guests:** None

#### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Vice President Fischer called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

#### Agenda Item #2 – Call to Order

The Board met with five members present, therefore a quorum was established.

#### Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

September 20th

Member Stone made a motion, with member Rase seconding, to approve the September 20th minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of three to zero.

#### Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy stated that the Board is in solid financial shape, though we're just a few months into the new fiscal year. The Commissioners kept the Parks Board at the same budget as previous years.

#### Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

#### Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

##### a. Trails Sub-Committee Update

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that everything discussed at the Trails meeting will also be discussed at the Board meeting with the exception of Cathy Costakis of MSU attended the Trails meeting to see what was happening in Deer Lodge and follow up on the BACI conference from last May in Butte.

b. Old Milwaukee Railroad Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. The Buy/Sell agreement has been signed and runs through February, 2018. Mr. Hamming has coordinated with NRDP to initiate the Public Comment period (runs through Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>) and is scheduled to present to the Advisory Council at their November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at which the Council should vote on the potential acquisition. The Board also discussed the desire to include additional funding that can be used for trail enhancements, fencing and maintenance. Thus far, comments have been mostly in favor of acquisition.

c. Arrowstone – River Bank Debris

Vice President Fischer is taking the lead on a volunteer cleanup day to remove only the debris loose and falling in the river. The Board noted the importance of not destabilizing the bank, but just removing the trash that is already falling in the river. Mr. Fischer will alert the Board as to when he's going to do the cleanup in case others are interested in assisting.

d. Town Pump Billboard

President Swant stated that Town Pump has routinely told him that the letter of donation is in the mail, but the County has not yet received it. Member Rase discussed the old Deer Lodge sign being removed (with the old Downtowner Motel advertisement underneath) and hopes to have a design completed and new boards installed within a month. The Town Pump billboard location will be used for revolving events and promotion.

e. Vault Toilet Security

Member Rase consulted with a locksmith and was informed that a programmable lock would be too risky in case someone was accidentally locked in the vault toilet. The liability issue is too great. Therefore the Board recommends continuing to encourage the local police to lock the parking lot gate at night. The Board also discussed getting a cheap sign that states the area is under surveillance.

f. Johnson Creek Connector

Mr. Hamming expressed gratitude to the County Road Crew for making the project possible. The County Road Crew is installing the culverts and fill material and only charging the Parks Board (and the AARP grant) for the materials whereas equipment and labor are being donated. The fencing contractor should be completing the fencing within 1-2 weeks which will enable Mr. Hamming to submit the grant completion work and invoicing for the funding from AARP. The Board also discussed the next steps of adding signage to locate the connector as well as private property markers to keep people contained within the public easement.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Approval of Expenditures**

None.

**Agenda Item #8 – Park Visitor Count**

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that the counter at the main parking lot recorded a wacky number and will try again next month. The counter by the Conley Street Bridge had 709 hits.

**Agenda Item # 9 – County Commissioner's Update**

None.

**Agenda Item # 10 –Staff Report & Informational Items**

Member Stone asked if Arrowstone is prepared for snowfall and if the previous snowplow contractor is ready to resume services. Mr. Hamming will follow up on the issue.

Vice President Fischer discussed the pavement at Arrowstone Park where roots are pushing up through cracks and suggested getting these areas flattened before the winter snow. Mr. Fischer's contact quoted him a few hundred dollars, but is going to do additional research and then follow up with a specific sum.

Member Croglia discussed the internal conversation at Grant Kohrs that discussed the potential for the old county highway to be utilized by bicycles. There is a process to change the use on the path and will have to be researched in coordination with establishing where the old county road exists, but was never abandoned.

**Agenda Item # 11 – Scheduling of Next meeting**

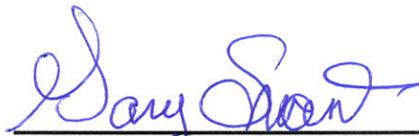
The next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 12 – Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Item # 13 – Adjourn**

President Swant ended the meeting at 5:30 PM.

  
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Gary Swant, President

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