



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 5 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

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

**Members Absent:** Bob Rase

**County Commissioner:** Doug Crachy

**Staff:** Carl Hamming, Chris McKee

**Guests:** Tammy Corrigan

#### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Swant called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

#### Agenda Item #2 – Call to Order

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

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

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Member Bob Stone made a motion, with member Andy Fischer seconding, to approve the December 21<sup>st</sup> minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

#### Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy had no new financial report.

#### Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

#### Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

Carl Hamming informed the Board that Members Croglio, Rase, and Fischer had their Board terms expire at the end of December. All three members turned in the paperwork to the County to return for another term on the Board. Member Stone motioned with Member Fischer seconding to maintain officer positions for another year. The vote passed four to zero with one member absent.

Carl Hamming provided the Board with an update from the Trails' meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Carl recounted that the Committee talked about the northern section of trail from Garrison to Deer Lodge and the potential of NRDP involvement now that the pedestrian bridge in the Trestle Park may not be feasible due to the difficulty of getting safe access across or underneath the active train tracks. NRDP would have to receive approval to re-scope the Trestle Park work to tie it into the Master Trails Plan and this will take some time. Carl mentioned another alternative that had been discussed to try and purchase an easement across the White property to the north to connect the Park to Milwaukee Avenue, but the family is not interested. Carl informed the Board about the Trails Survey that will go up on the County website in the near future.

The Committee also discussed purchasing a trail counter for Arrowstone Park and thought the proposed one, \$500 per counter, would be sufficient. It is a model commonly used by the NPS and USFS. President Swant voiced his interest in purchasing three for Arrowstone Park. The Board agreed that DEQ funds should be used. The data will be interesting and useful for future grant writing. Mr. Hamming will move ahead with the process to buy the counters with DEQ funds.

Vice President Fischer will meet with Tammy and Bob regarding a Spring schedule for Park installations and projects. The kiosk in the Park is due for an update and will be one of the upcoming projects. Member Croglio will check with an NPS contact regarding potential work crews for spring/summer projects.

President Swant raised the topic of screens for the vault toilet chimneys and the work done by the Poo Poo project of the Teton Raptor Center. The Board discussed the importance of the screens and being one of the leading examples of the greater region. They are easy to install. Member Stone motioned with Vice President Fischer seconding the motion to purchase screens for the vault toilets. The motion passed with a vote of four to zero.

The Board discussed the issue of the old Exxon Mobil billboard being officially located on Park property now that the three-way land exchange has been completed. The current rent for the space is cheap. The Board discussed whether they should approach Exxon and ask for a higher rental price or request that they move it to a different location. The Board discussed the concern of setting a bad precedent for advertisements existing in the Park versus considering this billboard as being 'grandfathered in' and using it to supplement the Parks' budget with some annual income from Exxon. President Swant will meet with County Attorney Smith to discuss a letter requesting rental fees now be paid to the County Parks Board and will further discuss requesting a higher rental cost or requesting that the sign be moved.

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

President Swant and Ms. Corrigan discussed the condition of the snowplow blade and how quickly they wear out. Mr. Swant will make a replacement in his shop. Carl clarified with the Board that Hand Sanitizer had been approved for purchase by the Board. He will order the Hand Sanitizer and vault screens as well as begin the process with DEQ to purchase the trail counters.

#### **Agenda Item # 8 – County Commissioner's Update**

None.

#### **Agenda Item # 9 – Staff Report & Informational Items**

a. Tammy Corrigan

Tammy informed the Board that there are few visitors this time of year. The condition of the pavement was discussed and the need for patching this spring. It was also discussed the potential for seeding some of the recently sampled areas of the Park.

**Agenda Item # 10 – Scheduling of Next meeting**

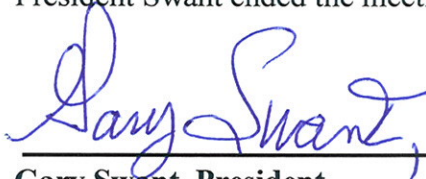
The next meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 11 – Public Comment**

None

**Agenda Item # 12 – Adjourn**

President Swant ended the meeting at 5:50 PM.

 02/15/2017  
Gary Swant, President                      Date

