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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 5 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Gary Swant, Julie Croglio, Bob Stone, Bob Rase and Andy Fischer
Members Absent: None
County Commissioner: Doug Crachy
Staff: Carl Hamming
Guests: Kyler Noel

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 five members present, therefore a quorum was established.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

June 21st

Member Rase made a motion, with member Croglio seconding, to approve the June 21st minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy informed the Board that they finished the fiscal year in decent financial shape. However, the County is preparing for a decrease in Federal funding of roughly \$500,000, therefore, all departments are likely going to experience budget cuts. The Commissioners anticipate formalizing the budget by September 1st.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

a. Trails Sub-Committee Update

President Swant informed the Board about the Trails Committee meeting from earlier that day. The Trails Committee discussed the idea and effort by the Trails Committee members as well as

other individuals from the Community to update the mural on the north face of the Corner Office bar. One of the private landowners gave written permission to the committee/group to access his property to wash and re-paint the mural. The group has a tentative date to wash the mural and more information will follow as details are finalized.

b. Old Milwaukee Railroad Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. Mr. Hamming presented the appraised value of the property to the landowner's real estate agent. Just that afternoon, Mr. Hamming heard that the landowner thought the bridges were worth more than the appraisal value and was no longer interested in working with the County. Mr. Hamming will keep the Board informed if anything changes in the short-term.

c. DEQ Phases and Slowdown

The Board discussed the recent strategy shift by DEQ to only work on one phase at a time and try to save money to ensure financial viability for the remainder of the cleanup. The Board understands the delay and will continue to use Arrowstone Park in the meantime and make improvements as they see fit. The Board reiterated that the DEQ will be required to return the Park and property to a mutually desirable state after reclamation and remediation.

d. Post Office Park

Member Rase discussed his meeting with the new Postmaster in Deer Lodge. The USPS was interested in permitting the Parks Board to improve and maintain the little park adjacent to the Post Office. The Board discussed purchasing a push-mower and will look into their availability in the neighborhood. Tammy was understanding and interested in the potential work to mow the property.

e. Chilcott Trail Plans

Mr. Hamming and Mr. Noel described the trail they flagged through Mr. Chilcott's easement connecting city and county property between Jaycee Park and Indian Creek Campground. Due to a lack of funding, the hope is to establish a primitive trail that can be expanded upon in the future. Associated costs will include fencing, culverts, and gates/posts at both ends of the trail.

f. Lost & Found System

President Swant inquired about an old post-box that would permit the public to drop items into the container but not remove anything. He is waiting to hear back.

g. Town Pump Billboard

President Swant has not heard back from Town Pump and does not know what is causing the delay. The lawyers at Town Pump should be drawing up the donation paperwork.

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 just over 6,300 hits for the past five weeks and that the counter by the Conley Street Bridge had just under 2,500.

Agenda Item # 9 – County Commissioner’s Update

Commissioner Crachy discussed the current plan to hire a part-time, temporary administrative employee to help out in the Planning Department. There is also hope to hire a GIS specialist or technician in the future as budgets are determined and Federal funding clarified. Commissioner Crachy also informed the Board that as of July 26th, the County was largely in Stage II fire restrictions. The area included everything north of Highway 12 and I-90.

Agenda Item # 10 –Staff Report & Informational Items

Ms. Corrigan informed the Board that she has recently been focusing on weeds. President Swant wanted to ensure that focus is primarily on the weeds surrounding the benches and trails on all sections of Arrowstone.

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that the City and County are still negotiating the potential transfer of several small tracts along Cottonwood Creek. The Parks Board does not want to involve itself with any of the properties at this time.

Agenda Item # 11 – Scheduling of Next meeting

The next meeting will be August 16th.

Agenda Item # 12 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item # 13 – Adjourn

President Swant ended the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Gary Swant, President

Date