



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 30, 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, Lewis Smith

**Guests:** None

#### 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

July 26th

Vice President Fischer made a motion, with member Stone seconding, to approve the July 26th minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of five to zero.

#### Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy informed the Board that they are working towards finalizing the budgets for the year and that things are tight, but since the Parks Board already operates with a relatively small budget, there isn't a lot to cut so the budget should be something pretty similar to the previous year.

#### 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 the previous week. Much of the discussion will be repeated through the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Mr. Hamming could not attend the Committee meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

b. Old Milwaukee Railroad Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. The landowner is again interested in selling his property to the County. Before closing on the deal, the County needs to work with the State to do an Environmental Assessment – Phase I, have a thirty day comment period concerning the acquisition and receive approval from the Upper Clark Fork Advisory Council. Mr. Hamming said that the State believes this purchase can be completed by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Smith raised the issue that the seller may wish to delay the sale until 2018 for tax purposes. The Board also discussed with Mr. Smith a buy/sell agreement that will bind the landowner to the sale dependent upon funding from the State. Mr. Hamming will follow up with his agent.

c. Corner Mural

President Swant gave a recap of a few community members coming together to paint over the old mural along Main Street. There have been negotiations with the property owner to purchase the property to be utilized as a pocket park for the City. However, negotiations have been ongoing, but it's been hard to agree on terms and price.

d. Chilcott Trail Plans

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that they had recently been awarded a grant for \$4,500 for the trail connector between Indian Creek Campground and Jaycee Park. But the formal announcement has not happened yet. The funds will have to be used this fall. The Board discussed the top priority being getting the primitive trail properly fenced with enough width for future access by truck if gravel is required and for installation of the culverts. Once the funds are officially announced, Staff will coordinate a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss specific plans, fencing, gates and parking.

e. 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 has been unable to get an update from the new Postmaster. Member Rase will also try to follow up.

f. Town Pump Billboard

President Swant called Town Pump to inquire why the County still didn't have the letter acknowledging the donation and found out there was some miscommunication, but the letter should be to the County by the end of the week. In working with the Chamber of Commerce, the current plan is to cover up the existing billboard with a fresh, interim sign advertising Deer Lodge and upcoming events. The future hope is to pursue a community gateway design similar to Anaconda.

g. Arrowstone Bank Debris

Vice President Fischer raised the issue that since the spring floods, the bank on the east side of the park near the boat launch has a lot of exposed debris stacked into the dirt. A local individual inquired about volunteering to remove the debris, but due to the superfund restrictions and future cleanup of the Clark Fork, it may not be a good idea to tear up too much ground at this time. Mr. Hamming will contact DEQ regarding the exposed dump within the streambank. Perhaps there could be a beneficial short-term solution that obscures some of debris and/or stabilizes the bank.



