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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Gary Swant, Bob Rase, Bob Stone, Andy Fischer

Members Absent: Julie Croglio

County Commissioner: Doug Crachy

Staff: Carl Hamming

Guests: Kyler Noel

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Vice President Fischer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

October 18th

Member Stone made a motion, with member Rase seconding, to approve the October 18th minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four 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.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

Agenda Item #6 – Regular Business

a. Trails Sub-Committee Update

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that the Trails Committee focused on the Johnson Creek Connector and the Old Milwaukee Railroad acquisition, both items will be discussed during the regular Parks Board meeting.

b. Old Milwaukee Railroad Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. The Upper Clark Fork River Advisory Council voted to recommend approval of acquisition to the Restoration Council. The majority of public comments were in favor of the trail, but two letters from Rock Creek Cattle Company expressed concerns about their ranching operations being disturbed. The Restoration Council is expected to meet in January which should give enough time for the transaction to occur if the Council votes to approve funding. The Buy/Sell agreement has been signed and runs through February, 2018, with the 60-day extension. President Swant asked if Mr. Branning and his real estate agent have been kept informed and Mr. Hamming stated that they are aware of the progress and current status of needing approval from the Restoration Council.

c. Arrowstone – River Bank Debris

Vice President Fischer stated that there is no update as the DEQ is not assisting and the winter temperatures delayed any potential volunteer work that would pick up the loose debris.

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. President Swant will reach out to Town Pump yet again.

e. DEQ Letter on Sampling Results

Autumn Coleman of the DEQ sent the Parks Board a letter answering their questions from the soil sampling results. The letter only discussed arsenic because that was included in the Record of Decision, but lead was not. The Board acknowledged that nothing new or insightful came from the letter.

f. Johnson Creek Connector

Mr. Hamming and Vice President Fischer discussed the proposed signage needed at both ends of the Connector. Mr. Fischer is coordinating with the Prison shop to develop the signs, the Board simply needs to provide the language and costs. The Board also discussed adding a couple of extra directional signs that keep people on the trail and away from private property. The Board also decided it would be useful for a simple map graphic to be included on the signs so that visitors know where they are located.

Mr. Hamming also discussed with the Board the proposal by Mr. Chilcott to add a couple of ponds on the County property. Mr. Hamming would assist with the permitting, but wants Mr. Chilcott to do the work and be required to adhere to the approved permits. Permits would need to be secured from FWP, DNRC, and the Army Corps.

Agenda Item # 7 – Approval of Expenditures

None.

Agenda Item #8 – Park Visitor Count

Mr. Hamming failed to get to the Park today to check the counters.

Agenda Item # 9 – County Commissioner’s Update

Commissioner Crachy discussed the recent developments by the State that cut the Department of Revenue office in Deer Lodge. As of Monday, the office in the Courthouse was closed. There may also be additional cuts to the Department of Health office in the Courthouse.

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. He said that his contact should be conducting the work in the near future and will inform the Board about the cost.

Agenda Item # 11 – Scheduling of Next meeting

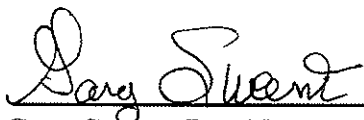
The next meeting will be December 20th.

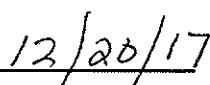
Agenda Item # 12 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item # 13 – Adjourn

President Swant ended the meeting at 5:15 PM.


Gary Swant, President


Date

