



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Gary Swant, Julie Croglio, Andy Fischer (call-in)

**Members Absent:** Bob Rase, Bob Stone

**County Commissioner:** Doug Crachy (absent due to weather)

**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 three members present, therefore a quorum was established.

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

November 21st

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

#### Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy was absent due to the snowy weather, but he reported to Mr. Hamming that there were no significant changes from the November meeting.

#### Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

#### Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

##### a. Board Membership

As the final Board meeting before the end of 2017, Mr. Hamming informed the Board that President Swant and Member Stone both have terms expiring on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. President Swant has expressed his desire to remain on the Board, but pass along his presidency to a new candidate. Member Stone informed the Board that he'll be finishing his term as a City Councilman at the

end of the month and will no longer be appointed to the Parks Board. Kyler Noel, City Councilman, will replace Bob Stone on the County Parks Board.

b. 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. Of note is the need to have a special meeting for those interested to discuss the proposed trail at length and what improvements or modifications need to be made.

c. Old Milwaukee Railroad Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. The Restoration Council meeting has not been scheduled, but Mr. Hamming is still anticipating the meeting will take place in January. The Buy/Sell agreement has been signed and runs through December 31, 2017 with a possible 60-day extension.

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that there is an upcoming meeting between the County and NPS to discuss the status of the Old County Highway that connects into Grant Kohrs. They will try to determine what is known, unknown and how best to proceed to establish a management and operations plan. The status of the road will also need to be determined for the negotiations with the DNRC concerning Section 16, the School Trust land. Once some of the road questions are answered, the County will be better equipped to approach Rock Creek Cattle with a complete trail management plan.

Mr. Hamming also mentioned that it was decided by the Trails Committee that it is a good idea to have a special meeting to determine trail specifics to inform a unified vision of the Trail. Mr. Hamming will send out possible dates for a meeting to occur in the first half of January. The Board also decided that they'll need to have a vote by the Board to determine the types of use permissible on the Trail. This will likely happen at the January meeting.

d. RTP Grant

Mr. Hamming informed the Board about the grant administered by FWP is a potential future funding source. As the Parks Board is working with NRD funding at this time, the Board does not think it should be a priority to apply for the grant at this time, but keep it in mind for future trail improvements.

e. Town Pump Billboard

President Swant read the letter sent by Town Pump that donates the billboard to the County. Mr. Hamming has put it on the Commissioners' agenda to sign off on the donation. Then, the City/County and Chamber need to coordinate on gateway signs and promotional event signage for the northern and southern entrances. Members Croglio and Rase previously expressed a desire to volunteer and participate in a special committee to design and coordinate the signage.

f. Johnson Creek Connector

Mr. Hamming and Vice President Fischer discussed the proposed signage needed at both ends of the Connector. Mr. Fischer stated that the total cost should be around \$230 but is unsure when the signs will be created. He is hopeful that they will be made in the next 1-2 months.

Mr. Hamming also stated that the County needs to establish a written agreement with Mr. Fickler for the public to access the Connector from the campground. It will also be important to coordinate with the City to have similar signage between Aspen Lane and Jaycee Park as well as have similar styles of access.

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

None.

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

Mr. Hamming stated that the November count registered 1051 hits at the Conley Ave. bridge, but he failed to get the December results today.

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

None

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

None

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

The next meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> and the Board will vote on chair positions.

**Agenda Item # 12 – Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Item # 13 – Adjourn**

President Swant ended the meeting at 5:50 PM.

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**Gary Swant, President**

**Date**