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MINUTES

Powell County Parks Board

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Andy Fischer, Bob Rase, Julie Croglio, Gary Swant

Members Absent: None (City Council Vacancy)

County Commissioner: Doug Crachy

Staff: Carl Hamming

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Fischer 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

August 15th

Member Swant made a motion that was seconded by Member Rase to approve the minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy was updated the Board regarding the financials. The Board was budgeted the same amount of funding as the previous fiscal year.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

a. Memorial Bench

Member Rase informed the Board that Mia Steinberger is satisfied with the potential location of the bench being installed on the property recently donated by Dick Bauman by the Clark Fork River. Bob said the bench can be made in Butte and installed by Sandy Porter and Mia will cover the costs. The Board discussed the idea of purchasing a trash can for the site and the need

to delineate the general property lines to encourage public use but dissuade trespassing. Member Swant motioned and Member Rase seconded the motion to purchase a trashcan for the site. The Board passed the motion four to zero. Mr. Hamming will meet with Sandy to discuss the location of the property.

b. Signs at Arrowstone Kiosk

Member Rase discussed the idea from Julie Schroder to include signage about Deer Lodge and points of interest in the kiosk at Arrowstone Park. The Board thought it was a good idea as long as the Board retains some oversight of the types of signage installed at the Park. The Board also decided that it was premature to advertise the OY Trail in Southwest Montana magazine. The Board does not want to encourage use until the Trail is open and safe for public use.

c. Cottonwood Creek Property

Mr. Bender and Mr. Hamming have recently discussed a concept of utilizing city and county property along the Creek to encourage public use. Mr. Hamming will follow up with Mr. Bender regarding specifics.

d. Johnson Creek Connector

President Fischer updated the Board about the discussion that the Trails Committee had in the morning and talked about the need to cleanup some dog waste. The Committee is also looking to hire a professional to finish the gravel work. Mr. Hamming will send the easement language to Mr. Lewis for review.

e. Old Yellowstone Trail

The Board discussed the draft version of the OY Trail Management Plan. Mr. Hamming intends to submit it to local stakeholders to get their feedback. The Board decided not to allow horses or dogs on the trail due to concerns about liability, compatible use, harassing livestock and too much waste on the trail. It may also be difficult to have adequate parking and space for horse trailers. The Board also discussed the urgent need to install a gate at the trailhead to restrict motorized access and inform the public that the trail is closed until construction is complete and the trail is safe for general use. The Board is concerned about liability.

f. Valley Rec Plan

Mr. Hamming informed the Board about the abstract that was submitted to NRDP. The abstract fit the criteria of the Restoration Plan, but it is unclear how much funding will be made available and if the planning effort will be funded.

Agenda Item # 7 – Approval of Expenditures

Member Swant made a motion to purchase and install a gate to restrict access at the southern end of Kohrs Crossing. Member Croglia seconded the motion and the Board voted four to zero to approve the purchase and installation.

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that he scheduled the vault toilets to be pumped in the next one to two weeks.

Agenda Item # 8 – County Commissioner's Update

Commissioner Crachy informed the Board about a potential issue that the County adopted with the land swap executed at Arrowstone Park. Mr. Hamming will follow up with Mr. Smith about the issue.

Agenda Item # 10 – Staff Report & Informational Items

Member Swant will follow up on Tammy’s suggestion to install a lost and found box at Arrowstone.

Agenda Item # 11 – Scheduling of Next meeting

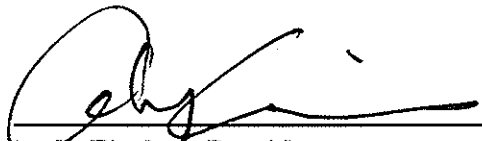
The next meeting will be October 17th. The Trails Committee will be conducting an on-site visit to the OY Trail to discuss improvements in the morning on the 17th.

Agenda Item # 12 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item # 13 – Adjourn

President Fischer ended the meeting at 6:15 PM.



Andy Fischer, President

10/17/18

Date

