



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### **Powell County Parks Board**

**The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 5 PM in the Courthouse’s Conference Room.**

- Members Present:** Andy Fischer, Julie Croglio, Gary Swant, Bob Rase, John Molendyke
- Members Absent:** None
- County Commissioner:** Doug Crachy
- Staff:** Carl Hamming
- Guests:** Amanda Bohrer, Carol Zachary, Katelyn Kimery, Ava Mayer, Christa Labbe, Aubree Bohrer

#### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

President Fischer called the meeting to order at 5 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**

October 17<sup>th</sup>

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 five to zero.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report**

Commissioner Crachy stated that the Parks Board is in a solid financial condition.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings**

Management Plan for the Old Yellowstone Trail

President Fischer opened the public hearing by stating that notice ran in the Silver State Post on November 21<sup>st</sup>. President Fischer asked if any Board members had a conflict of interest and no members stated that they did. President Fischer then asked for Parks Staff to give an overview of the Management Plan and what a possible motion by the Board would entail. Mr. Hamming discussed the

development of the plan and the public outreach efforts to date. Mr. Hamming also gave a brief overview of the permitted uses as stated in the Plan. Mr. Hamming reminded the Board that this should be a living document that is regularly reviewed, edited and amended to meet the needs and interests of the community. Mr. Hamming also handed out a letter from Wade and Lonnie Murphy stating their interest that horses be permitted on the trail. President Fischer opened the public hearing. Amanda Bohrer and fellow representatives of the REACT coalition voiced their support that the trail be designated as tobacco free. The Board discussed the designation at Arrowstone Park as well as the status of restrictions at Grant-Kohrs Ranch. Wildfire dangers are a serious concern in the late summer when grass along the trail is tall and dry. The Board stated that the Plan does not discuss specific signage, but recommended that the group come back in the late winter or early spring to present their information to the Board for consideration. The Board also discussed the comment from the Murphy's and their desire to listen to the community. The Board asked Mr. Hamming to draft a letter that will be sent to the Murphy's explaining the status and viewpoint of the Board, but to remind them that their interest has been noted and will be considered as the Board continually reviews the Plan.

President Fischer closed the Public Hearing. The Board had no further discussion. Vice President Croglia made a motion to recommend adoption of the Old Yellowstone Trail Management Plan to the County Commissioners. Member Swant seconded the motion. The Board voted five to zero to approve the motion and recommend adoption of the management plan.

### **Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business**

a. City Council Representative

Mr. Molendyke introduced himself to the Board. He stated that he has been on the City Council for over twenty years. He currently serves on the City's Parks and Recreation Board and he looks forward to being a member of the County's Parks Board.

b. Trails Committee Update

Mr. Hamming gave a brief update of the Trails meeting. Mr. Fischer recently improved the Johnson Creek Connector Trail by moving the last of the gravel to the low spots on the trail.

c. Memorial Bench

Member Rase informed the Board that the bench has been created and is ready in Butte. The Board stated that there is room for the Bench at Arrowstone Park in the locked shed. Sandy Porter has been contacted and will be able to do the work in the spring when the ground thaws. The Board also discussed the placement of the bench near the Clark Fork River along Conley Ave. near the location of the new bridge spanning the river. Member Swant asked if the Johnson Creek Trail near the pond would be a good location and Member Rase will check with Mia.

d. Cottonwood Creek Property

Mr. Hamming informed the Board about the ongoing conversations with the City, but stated that a parks/trails vision for the creek has yet to materialize. Mr. Hamming will keep the Board updated.

e. Old Yellowstone Trail

Commissioner Crachy discussed the County's plans to put out a bid for a rock crusher that will be useful for the road crew to cut down on hauling costs, but will also be useful for the OYT. The County is putting out a bid this week. GWE is aware of the bid and is working on the

budget. Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the visit with Pacific Steel and their willingness to scrap the machines. Mr. Hamming has not yet received the calculations from Pacific.

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

None

**Agenda Item # 8 – County Commissioner’s Update**

Commissioner Crachy had no additional update.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Staff Report & Informational Items**

None.

**Agenda Item # 10 – Scheduling of Next meeting**

The next meeting will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. It is also the day of the Courthouse Christmas Party at which the Trails Committee will attend after a brief meeting since the public is invited. Mr. Hamming will be in contact with the Board to determine if a meeting is necessary at the end of December.

**Agenda Item # 11 – Public Comment**

Amanda Bohrer discussed her willingness to follow up with the City regarding the issue that the gates to Arrowstone Park are left unlocked during the night.

**Agenda Item # 12 – Adjourn**

President Fischer ended the meeting at 5:55 PM.

**Andy Fischer, President**

**Date**