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MINUTES

Powell County Parks Board

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 5 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: None

County Commissioner: Doug Crachy

Staff: Carl Hamming, Scott Hazelton, Tammy Corrigan

Guests: JoAnn Rase

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

December 19th

Member Rase made a motion that was seconded by Member Swant 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 and that there was no major changes in the budget.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None

Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

- a. Trails Committee Update

Meeting was held at the Deer Lodge Hospital on March 20th. Signage was discussed at the meeting and discussion about the potential for acquiring the lot owned by the Post Office directly south of their building.

b. Old Yellowstone Trail –Signage

Mr. Hamming gave an overview of the signage updates and the plan for elimination of text and introduction of more pictographs. Member Croglia discussed the purpose of the trailhead sign and that it might be better to split the historical aspects onto their own sign. Member Swant and Member Croglia were tasked to work on a historical write up and sign design for a potential tri-fold kiosk design. Mr. Hamming was tasked with researching pricing and timing options for creating such a kiosk.

c. Memorial Bench

Member Rase stated that the bench is still in Butte. Member Rase stated that the bench is ready for installation as soon as the ground thaws. Mr. Hamming suggested a meeting with MDT to discuss placement of the bench. Member Rase recommended that there be an unveiling with the Silver State Post present to commemorate the occasion.

d. Old Yellowstone Trail – Bid Package and CUP

Mr. Hamming discussed the pre-bid meeting led by GWE's engineer Jonathon Weaver. Construction is anticipated to be completed during the summer with the trail opening soon afterward. Mr. Hamming stated that there were approximately 6 or 7 contractors present and that it seemed that one contractor was committed to submitting a bid. Mr. Hamming also mentioned how the Planning Board expecting to hear a presentation for the CUP application at the public hearing the following afternoon. Member Swant will present the item to the Planning Board at the March 21st meeting.

e. FWP at Arrowstone Park

Mr. Hamming discussed adding Arrowstone park to the FWP agent who checks fishing access sites on a loop through the valley. This would allow for a greater regulatory presence at Arrowstone park and would help in the policing of the area. There was no action taken as no formal discussion have been had to an agreement with FWP

f. Improvements and Projects at Arrowstone Park

Member Swant suggested for projects for improvements at Arrowstone that someone walk the rail fencing to decide which rails have fallen apart and need to be replaced. The fencing, as stated by Member Swant, has been in place for approximately a decade and is in need of repair.

g. Post Office Park Lot

There was discussion at the Trails Subcommittee Meeting that the lot beside the Post Office could be acquired through several potential options for maintenance. Amanda Bohrer had been present at the trails meeting and stated that there might be interest from local youth to mow the lot and help maintain it through the summer. Member Rase spoke to Ms. Bohrer about this and brought that idea before the Parks Board. The Board then authorized Member Rase, with Member Swant motioning and Member Molendyke seconding, to discuss acquiring through lease the lot from the post office.

Agenda Item # 7 – Approval of Expenditures

None. (Mr. Hamming updated the Board that Pacific Steel has had a set back with weather conditions. The scrapping of the excavator will commence when weather permits. Mr. Hamming also updated the board that there had been an accident while plowing Arrowstone Park between the snow plow and a vehicle. The Board has not received any claims as of this point but expect to in the future.)

Agenda Item # 8 – County Commissioner’s Update

Commissioner Crachy discussed recent Forest Service meetings and discussed how Cameron Razor, the park ranger at Beaverhead Deer Lodge National Forest was interested in meeting with the Parks and Trails committees. This would be a largely informational meeting working to update each group of what the other is doing and provide an avenue for future collaborative efforts.

Agenda Item # 9 –Staff Report & Informational Items

President Fischer and Member Swant advised that the mower be serviced. Member Swant also suggested that Tammy purchase more blades to be ready for next fall for the snow plow.

Agenda Item # 10 – Scheduling of Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th.

Agenda Item # 11 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item # 12 – Adjourn

President Fischer ended the meeting at 5:59 PM.

Andy Fischer, President

Date