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MINUTES Powell County Parks Board

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Gary Swant, Julie Croglio, Bob Rase
Members Absent: John Molendyke, Andy Fischer
County Commissioner: Doug Crachy
Staff: Carl Hamming
Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Vice president Croglio 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 20th

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 three to zero.

Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy presented the financial report and stated that the Board is in solid financial standing. The largest recent invoice was for Repose for the asphalt work that was reimbursed by the DEQ.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None

Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

a. Trails Committee Update

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that the Committee discussed the playground that the Deer Lodge Medical Center is proposing to build in June. They are currently undertaking a fundraising effort to try to raise \$400 thousand dollars and then utilize volunteers to construct the playground in the summer. Local students provided feedback on the playground design and concept.

b. RTP Grant Update

Mr. Hamming informed the Board about the recent meetings with the City as far as the concept and cost estimates provided by the City's engineer. Due to the original concept costing too much, the City and their engineer recently developed a simpler version that would cost roughly half (\$117 thousand). Mr. Hamming informed the Board that the Johnson Creek Connector trail is still slotted for potential improvements with an 8' wide gravel trail. The rest of the improvements would focus on improving connectivity around the Jaycee Park area and establishing a small parking area/trailhead.

c. Park Benches – Amanda Bohrer

Mr. Hamming informed the Board regarding their recent meeting to discuss potential placement of the six benches. Three of the benches would be located on City property and would require coordination with the City public works and parks department. The Board discussed Mr. Rase's idea to have the PCHS students erect the benches during the workday at Arrowstone Park. Mr. Rase will follow up the FFA to see if they would be willing to assemble the benches.

d. Gateway Sign

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that the City's Economic Growth and Development Committee is working to implement their wayfinding plan and install gateway signs on the north, west and south ends of town. They are interested in constructing a gateway sign on the south end of town on Arrowstone Park property near the golf course.

The Board expressed interest in seeing a nice gateway sign be installed, but they wanted to communicate to the City that they believe the sign should be installed further south as close to the interchange as possible. The Board was concerned that there are pre-existing signs that have similar messages and thought it should be as close to the interstate as possible to greet the public with a good first impression.

e. Arrowstone Eagle Scout Project – Eli Hathaway

There was no update.

f. Old Yellowstone Trail

Mr. Hamming told the Board that construction is still on schedule to be substantially completed by the end of the month. Mr. Hamming will be meeting with the Contractor and GWE to do a formal site visit and develop a list of items that need to be completed by the end of the month.

g. OYT Unveiling Event

Mr. Hamming asked the Board their preference for doing official and unofficial unveiling events. There will be numerous opportunities to join forces with the NRDP and the Rails to Trails Conservancy, but the Board communicated their interest in doing a locally focused event that will promote use by a PCHS group and allow the Silver State Post to publicize the event.

Agenda Item # 7 – Approval of Expenditures

Member Swant made a motion that was seconded by Member Rase to purchase a trashcan for installation at the Dick Bauman River Triangle Park property. The motion passed by a vote of three to zero. Mr. Hamming will follow up with options for installation this spring.

Agenda Item # 8 – County Commissioner’s Update

Commissioner Crachy discussed the ongoing conversations to work out a deal with the North Powell County residents regarding the ambulance levy. Commissioner Crachy also mentioned that there has been some progress with the recent negotiations for the MRA debt.

Agenda Item # 9 –Staff Report & Informational Items

None

Agenda Item # 10 – Scheduling of Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15th.

Agenda Item # 11 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item # 12 – Adjourn

Vice President Croglia ended the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Andy Fischer, President

Date