



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES Powell County Parks Board

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 5 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Andy Fischer, John Molendyke, Julie Croglio, Bob Rase  
**Members Absent:** Gary Swant  
**County Commissioner:** Doug Crachy (Absent, Not in Session)  
**Staff:** Carl Hamming  
**Guests:** Amanda Bohrer

### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

### Agenda Item #2 – Call to Order

The Board met with four members present. Therefore, a quorum was established.

### Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Member Rase made a motion that was seconded by Member Molendyke 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 not able to attend.

### Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None

### Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

#### a. Trails Committee Update

Mr. Hamming gave a brief overview of the Trails meeting. The OYT information would be presented and discussed by the Parks Board. Mr. Hamming informed the Board about the City's effort to form a Trails Committee that Ms. Bohrer will act as liaison for the County Trails Committee.

#### b. Arrowstone Park Cleanup Day – PCHS

President Fischer gave a brief overview of the success of the cleanup effort. 25 students from PCHS attended the event and assisted with numerous tasks. Member Rase also stated that a few students assisted Trails Committee Member Duncan with the Johnson Creek Connector Trail.

c. Old Yellowstone Trail - Signage

Mr. Hamming briefed the Board on the timeline of the signage. He will pull the edits together and email the updated language to the Board for comments.

d. Old Yellowstone Trail – Bid Package

Mr. Hamming said the re-bidding resulted in six contractor bids. The Commissioners are scheduled to do a notice of award on Monday, May 20. Mr. Hamming presented the alternatives, estimated costs, and asked the Board for their input as to what they would prefer to be done with the southern bridge within the State section. Each member of the Board discussed their view and preference and ultimately it was decided to proceed with repairing and improving the bridge to not lose access over the river and to keep it as a safe destination for trail users.

e. Park Employee

Mr. Hamming and President Fischer updated the Board on the recent developments with the Park employee and deciding to reduce their duties to exclude ATV operations. The recent damage and costs of repair for the Park equipment had necessitated the change. The Department has also received several calls of concern regarding safe driving and dangerous speed on the ATV. Mr. Hamming posted the job opening on the County website and will post notice in the SSP for the next couple of weeks.

f. Post Office Park

Member Rase informed the Board that Juan (Postmaster) has been unsuccessful in gaining traction or receiving answers from the higher ups within his agency. He has suggested that in the meantime, the Parks Board assist with landscaping duties. Ms. Bohrer suggested that some of the local youth are capable volunteers who could assist with the regular work. Ms. Bohrer will follow up with Member Rase.

g. FWP at Arrowstone Park

Mr. Hamming distributed the proposed MOU with FWP. The Board agreed it is a good thing to pursue to allow more oversight and assistance at Arrowstone Park. County Attorney McEnery has reviewed the MOU. The Commissioners are scheduled to sign off on the MOU when they are back in session.

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

None. Member Croglio suggested the Board look at improving the decking on the long bridge at Arrowstone as gaps have developed and could pose a risk to dogs, ankles and bikes. Mr. Hamming will follow up with acquiring a quote for the work. Ms. Bohrer will inquire about the potential for an Eagle Scout project.

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

Commissioner Crachy was unable to attend, as they were not in session.

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

None

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

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19.

**Agenda Item # 11 – Public Comment**

Member Rase asked about following up with Gary regarding the gateway sign and collaborating with Sun Mountain to acquire some old equipment to display.

Ms. Bohrer presented her grant work that will enable the County and City to acquire six benches for public use. The benches will have positive messaging such as Parenting Montana or anti-smoking messages. Ms. Bohrer will earmark the funds and have the money spent by October 1.

**Agenda Item # 12 – Adjourn**

President Fischer ended the meeting at 6:10 PM.

**Andy Fischer, President**

**Date**