



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 5 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

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

**Members Absent:** Bob Stone

**County Commissioner:** Doug Crachy (Commissioners not in session)

**Staff:** Carl Hamming

**Guests:** None

#### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Swant called the meeting to order at 5:00 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

March 15th

Member Andy Fischer made a motion, with member Rase seconding, to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

#### Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Mr. Hamming supplied the financial report to President Swant and Vice President Fischer prior to the meeting. President Swant informed the Board that they are in good financial shape as the fiscal year is nearly complete.

#### Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None.

#### Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

##### a. Trails Sub-Committee Update

Mr. Hamming and President Swant informed the Board about the Trails Committee meeting from earlier that day. They discussed the successful experience at the BACI conference in mid-

May and will be following up with some of the ideas and toolkits introduced at the conference. The City and County will continue to work together on this item.

b. PCHS Cleanup at Arrowstone

Member Rase and Vice President gave an overview of the High School cleanup day that took place on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Roughly twenty students worked for a couple of hours doing various tasks and cleaning up at Arrowstone Park. Overall, the members thought that it was successful and ran out of tasks for the students to complete. Vice President stated that they may wish to scale the event back next year and use less students or for a shorter amount of time or work at a different park property.

c. Old Milwaukee Railroad Property

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. There are ongoing efforts to work with the State to re-scope some of the Trestle Park funds to acquire the property for a trail. The State would like the Parks Board to re-affirm their support and commitment for the project. Vice President Fischer motioned with Member Croglia seconding to continue to pursue the acquisition with the Board's full support. The Board voted four-to-zero on the motion.

d. Tree Voucher Donation

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that a local individual recently came to the Board to offer a \$200 voucher from Northwestern Energy for planting a new tree. Mr. Lewis suggested planting it somewhere within Arrowstone Park, but wanted the Board's approval first.

The Board discussed the necessity to water the new sapling and voiced concerns about adequate soil and potential impact when the DEQ moves through Arrowstone to do their cleanup. Mr. Hamming will follow up with Mr. Lewis regarding the possibility of planting the tree on the east side near some other immature trees and in an area unlikely to impede on the Clark Fork River remediation.

e. Gazebo Work Update

Member Rase informed the Board that the sand-blasting is nearly finished and will be completed in the near future. The Board is extremely grateful to Tim Denty and Craig Woodward for their time, efforts and contributions. The Board also expressed their appreciation of the new look of the natural look on the woodwork.

f. Chilcott Pond Concept

Mr. Hamming gave the quote supplied by Great West Engineering to complete the necessary engineering plans for the proposed Indian Creek work. The Board discussed the current financial situation and what costs are still on the books for the current fiscal year. Member Rase motioned with Member Croglia seconding to continue forward with the project and pay Great West Engineering for their services to draw up the plans for permitting and construction purposes.

g. Trestle Park Plan

Mr. Hamming is working with the State to re-scope the work at Trestle Park and continue to move forward with the simplified dog-park concept.

h. Town Pump Billboard

President Swant is in contact with Town Pump headquarters in Butte and was given word that Town Pump would be willing to donate the sign to the County Parks Board as a charitable contribution. Town Pump offered to write the letter of notification to ensure particular language for the donation is in place.

President Swant and Member Rase discussed their idea to form a joint team between the Chamber of Commerce and the Parks Board to work on the design and implementation of the new Deer Lodge gateway sign. Members Croglio and Rase volunteered as well as Mr. Hamming.

- i. Forson Property – As part of the Arrowstone land swap executed in the winter, the County is responsible to fence the Forson property and install an approach off of Valley View Drive. The County road crew installed the road approach and the Planning Department just received a bid for the fencing project. The Board suggested the Planning Department acquire one more bid for comparison and then proceed with the lowest bid. President Swant will follow up with a suggested fencing company.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Ms. Corrigan informed the Board that she’s had a couple of requests from visitors to Arrowstone about trails and mapping information. The Board agreed that it would be beneficial to post a couple of simple maps and photographs in the kiosk at the main parking lot to inform interested visitors.

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that he and Vice President finished installing the trail counters at Arrowstone Park. The first counter that was installed at the kiosk approximately three weeks ago registered 623 visitors. The Board will need to determine an approximate calculation to subtract double counts, but Mr. Hamming will begin by collecting trail data prior to each Parks meeting and reporting the numbers via spreadsheet.

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

The next meeting will be June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 11 – Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Item # 12 – Adjourn**

President Swant ended the meeting at 6:10 PM.

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Gary Swant, President

Date