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Minutes

Natrona County Parks Board

January 26, 2017

The Natrona County Parks Board met at the Roads, Bridges and Parks Dept. office. Members in attendance were Brian Stack, Stuart Hill, Roy Buck, Jim Miller and Steph Connolly. Matt Buhler and Glenna Nash from Parks Department also attended.

Brian called the meeting to order. Stuart motioned to accept the December 15, 2016 minutes, seconded by Roy. Motion carried.

Casper Mountain Sub-Committee

- Matt updated the board on the topics discussed at the January 12, 2017 meeting. They are hoping to be able to tie the Bridle Trail over to Hogadon. Wanting to pursue easements although there seems to be landowner opposition. Steph says there may be other places to connect trails and we should focus where we have support. Also discussed was trail maintenance.
- MOU with Central Wyoming Trails Alliance and Casper Nordic Club allowing motorized equipment on trails are being worked on. Roy said that the Alliance folks are having a hard time maintaining the Eadsville Trail without motorized equipment. Same issue they had last year and by the time the snow was at its best the trail was unmaintained. These agreements will be addressed at the BOCC work session on February 7th.
- Biathlon update – The MOU is also being worked on.
- The next Mtn. Sub-Committee meeting will be February 9th at 3pm.

Bureau of Reclamation Items

- Matt received a letter regarding the sale of watercraft on BOR property. As of right now it is not allowed and a request to do that would have to go through the BOR process.
- Matt received a response that clarifies their definition of substantial lot improvement and “A-frame” cabin design. BOR will not allow a second story or a basement. Size is limited to 800 sq. ft. Any soil disturbance /ground breaking require a NEPA study. The Ladd’s are withdrawing their application at this time.

Lakes Concession Bid discussion

- One bid for each Alcova and Pathfinder Marinas RFP's were received The Parks Board will meet to interview and discuss them on February 8, 2017 and will forward their recommendations to the BOCC for their award on February 21, 2017.

Lakes Update

- The Cabin/Trailer/Waterski Club and Boat Club leases were sent out on November 8th. We have approximately 75% of trailer leases and 84% of cabin leases returned. Reminders will be sent out.
- Sandy Beach buoy relocation - Matt met with the Wyo. Game & Fish and Sheriff's Department. They don't mind moving the no wake buoy but will need more buoys and cable. Lee Burgess with Western Divers suggested the Coast Guard Auxiliary to be an ambassador to help with the cable. They did not agree with reducing the swimming beach. The restroom was agreed upon. Brian was not excited about moving the buoy if not allowing boat access. Both Brian and Stuart said it's an all or none situation. Matt said that this is the only recreation area that is for people without boats. Stuart would like to attend any future meetings on the subject.

Mountain Update

- Matt has been working with GIS Dept. to update all of the mountain maps. He will also look into obtaining a Visit Casper grant to pay for printing of the maps.
- The ambassador program at the Nordic Trails area seems to be working well. Trails pass sales have increased and the public appreciates having information about the area.
- Fat Fish bike station – They have money to pay for an air station but need a location for it. Skunk Hollow is the main trail head. They will work with Joe.

Rotary Park

- Mr. Garland has donated 40 acres for the Bridle Trail.

Board Comments

- Jim wants maps for races and events. He would also like to have a camp host at Beartrap.

Adjournment

- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting date is February 16th at 7:00 am.