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Minutes

Natrona County Parks Board
April 21, 2016

The Natrona County Parks Board met at the Roads, Bridges & Parks Dept office. Members in attendance were Teresa Corkill, Jim Miller, Brian Stack, Stuart Hill, Roy Buck, Jennifer Frontiero; Steph Connolly was excused. Also attending were Jason Gutierrez, Richard O'Hearn, Glenna Nash, Steve Freel, Steve Deveraux, Tracy Lamont and Gordon Edwards, Jr.

Brian called the meeting to order. Stuart motioned to approve the February 18th minutes, Jen seconded, motion carried.

Other Business

- Development Dept permitting process — Dick informed the Board they will no longer approve construction applications. All applicants will first go to Development. After their paperwork is in order, Jason will ask Dick if he has any issues. Inspections will be done by his staff. Letters were sent to Lessees with violations. All construction work anywhere on the transferred premises must be done by a licensed contractor. As of June 1st, new Trailers must be set on a foundation; i.e. no longer block-set-tie permits. Jason said that plated RVs are not permitted in the Trailer Park, and will require further discussion. 'Park models' can remain.

Lake Update

- Gordon, Fishery Biologist for G&F spoke about their management goals for trout and walleye populations at Alcova and Pathfinder. Under their objectives, they try to stock 65,000 rainbow and 10,000 brown trout. They can grow really large trout at Pathfinder, but there are issues with walleye population. Most fish come from the Speas Hatchery. Gordon asked if there are plans for improvements to the boat ramp and/or parking lot at Pathfinder Marina. The current ramp is deteriorating and the parking lot is undersized.
- Steve Freel – Trailer #118, asked for a south lot line adjustment. When the 2004 'plat' was mapped by CEPI, his S lot line had a jog in it that limits his access to the backside. Although this is not a recorded plat, the cost to resurvey the line is about \$800 which would be paid by Steve. Jason reminded the Board that the Lot lines were created with fairness in mind. He is also concerned with setting a precedent. No action taken.

- The Management Agreement with the BOR was signed on 3/14/16; its effective date is May 19th. New leases are being reviewed by the BOR. They've already granted an extension until October 1st for the Marina Concessionaires. The new lease rates will go into effect next year using the indexing process.
- RV Full-Hookup Campground – new electrical pedestals are being installed at the existing campsites by Biggs Electric and should be completed by Memorial Day.
- 10-coupon camping booklets for Cabin sites – each Lessee may purchase 1 booklet and deposit coupons at any fee box, stating their Cabin Site # and name.

Mountain Update

- Rotary Park amphitheater – The proposed location will be just south of the lower parking lot. It will have a concrete stage, power and terraced seating for about 80.
- Beartrap Festival – This year's Agreement will allow Townsquare Media to manage adjacent campsite reservations for four (4) days centered on the event; i.e. from August 5th through August 8th, 2016. They'll forward all camping revenue to the County.

Eclipse Update

- Dick said that all campsites will be 'reservation only' for the five days centered on the Eclipse (August 21, 2017) via the Casper Events Center ticketing system. 20- to 60,000 people are expected.

Public Comments

- Tracy Lamont is concerned about the fuel load in the slash pile on Casper Mountain and would like the Board to send Casper Mountain Fire a request burn it while there is still snow on the ground. He also has issues with KLJ's RMP that depicts campsites and new parking lot at Crimson Dawn, and trails through private property. Dick reminded the Board that ALL trails and campground maps are only conceptual layouts.

Board Comments

- Teresa asked to be excused from the June 16th meeting.
- Stuart cautioned that we need to be careful of use at Hell's ½-Acre. It is a fragile area. Dick thinks it is an asset. The Board agrees but wants it protected.
- Jim delivered several examples of campground host applications. He asked the status of ROAD CLOSED signs for the campgrounds. Dick and Joe are looking into it. Jim wants all trail signs to be consistent with the Eadsville prototype. He asked whether we are still drilling a new well. Yes, Dick intends to replace the well adjacent the Powderhouse.
- Roy provided info on AED. The battery is dead but should be able to be replaced for about \$100.

Adjournment

- The next meeting date will be June 16th at 7:00 am. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.