

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -

The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 7th day April, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Joe Pritchett
Gary Hasenfus
Dan Breneman
Bill Ashman
Derek Papesh
Gary Johnson
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Dean Givens (Dir. Lake Ops.)
Clint Calhoun (Environmental Management Officer)
Linda Ward (customer service)
Chris Braund (town manager)

Non-Attending Members:

N/A

Guests:

Mayor Bob Keith
Bo Williams
Tom McKay
Paul & Karen Knaub
Jonathan Hinkle
Mayor Bob Keith
Wiley Bourne
Mike Kirkman
Morgan Papesh

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- After discussion, Derek Papesh made a motion, seconded by Joe Pritchett, to approve the minutes of the March 3rd, 2014 regular meeting as presented. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- Gary Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m., seconded by Bill Ashman. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

Paul Knaub explained that he feels that it is the town's responsibility to dredge the entire lake, including coves, since the town owns the lake.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Administrator – Dean Givens reported:

- Dean reviewed his monthly status report.

Mr. Givens also presented a request concerning the purchase of a new depth sounding system and explained that the system is projected to cost around \$3,300, which would be funded through the current dredging budget. The proposed new system will bring new technologies that will allow the lake operations department to operate more efficiently and allow town staff to perform studies that are costly when performed by an outside agency.

The board discussed use and collection of the data and Joe Pritchett made a motion to allow the Lake Operations Department to purchase the depth sounding system up to an expense of \$4,000. Derek Papesh seconded the motion.

Bill Ashman amended the motion to allow an expense of up to \$5,000 for purchase of the system. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

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Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Mr. Hasenfus reported that the town has contracted with Southeastern to deliver 30,000 3-4 inch shad.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson reported:

- No Report

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman reported:

- No Report

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett reported:

- Postponed to discussion item of the agenda.

Water Quality – Bill Ashman reported:

- No Report

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Derek Papesh reported:

- Mr. Papesh continues to work with the Lake Operations Department on a standard procedure to be used when measuring boats to ensure that their length does not exceed the lake's limit.

Other Business

Discuss Lake Brochure Distribution. Customer Service Supervisor Linda Ward explained that the lake regulation pamphlets that are given out with boat permits cost about 40 cent each. Ms. Ward further explained that some businesses in town are given large quantities of brochures to distribute to their customers and asked the board to consider creating a policy for distribution of the brochures.

The board discussed the purpose of the brochure as well as the amount of money being spent on the brochures each year.

Mr. Braund suggested the three potential options:

- 1) fund all brochures including those given out with boat permits and those given out by businesses
- 2) allow each business a certain number of brochures to distribute each year and then charge for additional brochures
- 3) sell ads to fund purchase of all brochures

The board agreed that brochures should be handed out at no charge as they normally are for the remainder of the year.

Bill Ashman and Dan Breneman will create a committee to work on an advertising proposal to be considered for the next printing of the brochures.

Lake Use Regulation Language. Customer Service Supervisor Linda Ward discussed clarification of Lake Use Regulations Sections 1.51(E)(4) and 1.52(A).

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Ms. Ward explained that property owners or their spouses owning an unimproved lot have been issued resident one annual motorized boat permit at resident rate each year, but the way Section 1.51 (E)(4) currently reads there should only be issued an annual permit if there boat is 10 HP or less and a peak season weekday only permit if their boat is over ten horsepower. Ms. Wards suggested that property owners owning an unimproved lot continue to be issued one annual motorized boat permit at resident rate regardless of the boat's horsepower.

After discussion, Gary Johnson made a motion to recommend that Section 1.51 (E) (4) of the Lake Use Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 1.51 (E) (4) Property owners or their spouses owning an unimproved lot qualify for 1 annual motorized boat permit ~~for a motorized boat with 10 HP or less or 1 peak season weekday only permit for boats with more than 10 HP~~ at resident rate. Only one permit per unimproved parcel may be issued at resident rate. Amended 4-11-06, 2-13-07

Ms. Ward also stated that the wording of Section 1.52(A) is confusing for the general public and suggested that the board considered recommending a clearer version of the regulation.

After discussion, the board agreed to direct Lake Operations Director Dean Givens to work with Derek Papesh to come up with better wording for the section and present it to the board to consider for recommendation at a later meeting.

Discussion Concerning a Request for Additional Boats Slips at Firefly Cove. Mark Helms and Joe Pritchett stated that they would not be voting concerning the topic since they are owners of property at Firefly Cove.

Jonathan Hinkle representing Marathon Builders distributed copies of a plat showing what is currently built at the site as well as a proposed plan.

Town manager Chris Braund provided background concerning the property.

Erosion Control Officer Clint Calhoun provided additional information relative to the property and answered board members' questions.

Board members discussed the topic, but took no action.

Consider Approval of a Dredging Strategy.

Joe Pritchett presented a proposed dredging strategy distributed to board members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Pritchett stated that he has reviewed excavating options, but feels that hydraulic dredging is the best option.

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Paul Knaub expressed dissatisfaction with the plans to only dredge in the river area.

Bill Ashman stated that there needs to be a plan for other area of the lake.

Dan Breneman stated that he will not vote concerning the topic until he has data showing how the lake depths in the coves have changed over the years.

Derek Papesh suggested, that the board recommend that \$400,000 be allocated for dredging since the proposed cost of dredging the river area is \$300,00 and it is estimated that approximately 75% of the sediment comes from the that river. The proposed \$400,000 budget would allow \$300,000 for the river area and \$100,000 for the remainder of the lake since.

Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun agreed to gather watershed data.

The board agreed to continue discussion of the topic at a later date.

Open Action Items:

Open Actions	Owner	Update
Lakefront Owners / Contractors Pamphlet	Dean	Working with Valerie and Mark
Dredging: multi-year strategy, plan and budget recommendations	Dean & Joe	
Advertisements on Lake Regulations Brochure	Bill & Dan	

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Closed Action Items:

Closed Actions	Owner	Update

Board Recommendations to the Council / Marine Commission:

Recommendation	Date	Status
Lake Commercial License Approvals and 10% increase in boat permit fees earmarked for dredging.	12/2/13	Enacted by the Marine Commission
Amendments to Lake Structures Regulations (clarifying the definition of marina and side lot line extensions)	1/6/14	Clint drafted amendments adopted by council 3/11/14
Allow a new fishing guide business to be added to approved Commercial License for 2014 (Jason Rice)	2/3/14	Marine Commission to review 4/8/14
Fishing Regulations to match state regs	3/3/14	Marine Commission to review 4/8/14
Lake Use Regulations Sections 1.51(E)(4) and 1.52(A)	4/7/14	Marine Commission to review 6/10/14

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Calvert