

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 2nd day of March, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Joe Pritchett
Gary Hasenfus
Bill Ashman
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Clint Calhoun, Environment
Mgmt. Officer

Guests:

Mayor Bob Keith

Non-Attending Members:

Derek Papesh
Dan Breneman
Gary Johnson

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- Joe Pritchett made a motion to approve the February 2, 2015 meeting minutes as amended moving Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey from the Attending Members list to the Non-Attending Members list in the minutes since she was not present at the meeting. Bill Ashman seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.
- Gary Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Joe Pritchett seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

No one requested to speak during public forum.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department – Dean Givens reviewed the department's report that was sent to board members by email prior to the meeting.

Mr. Givens presented a No Wake Buoy requested submitted by Arvid Hanson of 2319 Buffalo Shoals Road and recommended that the request be denied since the request did not meet the requirements for placement of a new buoy. After discussion, the board unanimously agreed to support Mr. Givens recommendation to deny the request.

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Mr. Givens presented information concerning a request for a commercial license that was received after the November 1st deadline. Mr. Givens stated that, based on the current regulations, the license was denied because it was not received on by the deadline and explained that the citizen would like to request that the Marine Commission review the request and consider approving it. Mr. Givens informed the board that the same applicant submitted their application after the deadline last year and the request for a commercial license was granted.

Mr. Givens stated that currently if an applicant who has previously had a commercial license misses the commercial license application deadline or if they do not apply for a license one year, the business is moved to the bottom of the commercial license priority list.

After discussion, Gary Hasenfus made a motion to recommend that the Marine Commission support the current regulations and uphold the November 1st deadline without exception. Joe Prichett seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

The board discussed creating a fee to be assessed for applications that are filed after the deadline in the future if the Marine Commission approves applications received after the deadline.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison Report- No report

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Mr. Hasenfus stated that fishing is currently limited since the lake is down.

Mark Helms informed the board the Chris Cain, who has previously requested that walleye be stocked in the lake, has created a Facebook page to gather support for stocking walleye in Lake Lure. Mr. Helms stated that has only received one email from another party relating to the request. Mr. Hasenfus reported that the Town continues to use limited funds to follow the strategy of promoting the black bass population as outlined in the studies conducted on the lake.

Clint Calhoun reported that a large amount of natural fish habitat was removed at property owned by Lemeul Oates while the lake was down. Mr. Calhoun stated that the removal was not approved and the Lake Operations department is reviewing the situation.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson reported:

- No Report/Absent

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman:

- No Report/Absent

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Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett reported:

- No Report

Water Quality – Bill Ashman reported:

- No Report

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Derek Papesh reported:

- No Report

Other Business

Special Topics

Update on the Dredging Projects and Repair Projects

Bill Ashman provided the following information outlining Rumbling Bald Resort's dredging project:

RBR's original goal was to remove 7,268 cubic yards of silt. RBR was able to remove 10,651 cubic yards (1,080 truck loads). A couple items worked in their favor which allowed them to remove extra silt:

- 1. The Resort decided to add \$20,000 to the Town's \$70,000 which gave us a total fund of \$90,000 to work with. The \$90,000 does not include approximately \$14,000 spent by the Resort to relocate the docks and to prepare the silt containment area.*
- 2. The Resort originally estimated the on-site silt containment area would hold 2,600 cubic yards. The contractor was able to dispose 5,182 cubic yards on-site. Keep in mind on-site disposal costs \$5.18 compared with off-site disposal costs \$13.20.*
- 3. Even though the contract stipulated a maximum expenditure of \$90,000 the contractor removed the equivalent of \$102,589.56 of silt. While the contractor would like to be paid the full amount, RBR has already notified them that we will pay in accordance with the contract.*

As of this morning the lake was at approximately 5 feet 10 inches below full pond. In looking at all sections where silt was removed you can see water. In other words, all areas where the contractor dug, the silt was removed to a depth of at least 5 feet 10 inches.

In conclusion, RBR removed silt from all promised areas and we removed more silt than we had originally anticipated. Mr. Judson feels the Resort did a good job managing this project on behalf of the Town.

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Discuss Potential Changes to the Lake Structure Regulations Regarding Cluster Mooring Facilities and Marinas

Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun presented information relating to his review of the Lake Structure Regulations concerning cluster mooring and marina facilities as the LAB directed at the February Lake Advisory Board Meeting

Mr. Calhoun reviewed the objectives and intent of this portion of our regulations including why the regulations restrict the number of moorings at lake structures and why the Town provides for more boat parking at marinas and cluster moorings.

Mr. Calhoun reviewed the current definitions for *Marina* and *Cluster Mooring Facility (CMF)* and urged the LAB to give great consideration to the short-term and long-term consequences of changing the regulations as they begins to review this matter.

The board agreed to review the information provided by Mr. Calhoun and revisit the topic at a later meeting.

The board also discussed attendance requirements for the board and the importance of having all board members present at each meeting. The board's clerk agreed to send the board members copies of resolutions adopted by Town Council relating to the Lake Advisory Board.