

# Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

## - Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -



The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 11th day of July, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Non-Attending Members:**

Sonya Ledford

### **Call to Order:**

- Chairperson Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### **Approval of the minutes:**

Bill Ashman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 regular meeting. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

### **Public Forum:**

Blaine Cox of 324 Snug Harbor Circle asked if the algae bloom in the pond in Morse Park would be discussed during the meeting. Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun agreed to discuss the topic later in the meeting.

### **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.

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Mr. Givens also presented two requests for placement of no wake buoys. The first request was from Nancy Anderson of 199 Storm Ridge. Mr. Givens recommended relocating a buoy that is in place near the location proposed by Ms. Anderson. The second request was from Pam Skipper of 284 Burnt Ridge Road. Mr. Givens recommended that a new buoy be placed in the proposed location.

After discussion, Bill Ashman made a motion to approve Mr. Givens recommendation to relocate a buoy to 199 Storm Ridge and place a new buoy at 284 Burnt Ridge Road. Joe Pritchett seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

**Special Topics: Review a Commercial License Issued to Logan Hartzog for Scuber, a Lake Taxi** – Chairman Mark Helms stated that the Marine Commission approved a request from Logan Hartzog to operate a lake taxi. Mr. Helms explained that Mr. Hartzog was approved to operate his business for the remainder of this year and he will submit his application for commercial license in November with all other commercial operations and be re-evaluated by the Lake Advisory Board at that time.

The board showed general support for the proposed operation but expressed concerns about the precedent set by approval stated that they feel the process for lake commercial licensing was circumvented since the commercial license application was not submitted by the deadline and there was no recommendation from the Lake Advisory Board.

**Special Topics: Create a Subcommittee to Discuss Ways of Increasing Income from the Lake as Directed by the Marine Commission**

Chairman Mark Helms stated that the Marine Commission directed the Lake Advisory Board to study commercial operation activities of the lake and possible fees. The Marine Commission suggested that the Lake Advisory Board consider the following when studying commercial operation:

- Look at type of commercial operation(slips, vacation rental that is on the lake, tours, etc)
- Look at operating rules – draft and develop new rules if necessary
- Look at payment (both method and how much) – some could be concession agreement, others set fee

Mr. Helms explained that there is no specific monetary goal, but the Marine Commission wants the board to study ways for the town to be compensated for people making money off the lake in order to generate additional funds from the lake to support lake operations, dredging, and lake maintenance. The Marine Commission members would like to have an initial report concerning the topic from the Lake Advisory Board at their September meeting.

Gary Johnson, Dan Breneman, and Joe Pritchett agree to work on a subcommittee with Lake Operations Director Dean Givens to review the topic and potentially draft recommendation for the Lake Advisory Board to review concerning commercial operations.

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### **Board Member Areas of Responsibility Reports:**

#### **Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus:**

Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun explained that the algae in the pond in Morse Park is a large euglena which naturally occurs when conditions are right (low circulation, warm water, etc.) but stated that health risks associated with the algae are pretty low, especially since the pond is not a swimming area. Mr. Calhoun will continue to monitor it.

#### **Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman:**

- Mr. Breneman stated the proposed debris barrier that was discussed at a previous meeting will be a 2017 budget item. Mr. Breneman also discuss a meeting that was held last year to discuss lake level concerns and asked if anyone had heard any lake level complaints since that time.

**Adjournment:** Bill Ashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Gary Hasenfus seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

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Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk