

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 1st day of February, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Non-Attending Members:

NA

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the minutes:

Gary Hasenfus made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and 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.

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Council Liaison – Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported that town council approved the Gergen vacation rental operation permit that was recommended by the Lake Advisory Board.

Commissioner Silvey also reported that the resolutions concerning restriction of boat weight and limiting non-motorized vessels to no-wake zones (unless crossing the lake) were passed by Marine Commission.

Discussion of Boats that Potentially Produce Large Wakes

Chairman Mark Helms explained that the Marine Commission asked the board to discuss wake boats and ballast tanks.

Board members suggested possible solutions for concerns about large wake being produced by boats that fit within the current boat length restrictions including the following: prohibiting wake enhancing devices (requiring that wake enhancing devices be disabled), prohibiting towing in certain channels, and prohibiting surfing (since this activity often requires a large wake).

Chairman Mark Helms suggested that some recently approved changes to the Lake Use Regulation concerning boat weight and restriction of non-motorized boats may potentially eliminate some concerns related to large wake.

It was the consensus of the board to continue to educate boaters and consider other solutions if the problem persists.

Mr. Givens and Mr. Helms agreed to continue to work on communication concerning the topic.

Discussion of Future Concession Agreement Contract with Lake Lure Tours Concerning Wakes and Speed

Chairman Mark Helms explained that council had expressed a desire for the tour boats to operate at no-wake speed in the main channel and asked the Lake Advisory Board to begin discussion of 2017 contract renewal with Lake Lure Tours.

Board members agreed that the main concern from citizens relating to Lake Lure Tours is wake in the main channel.

After discussion, Dan Breneman suggested that Lake Lure Tours come up with a proposed solution.

Board members suggested that Lake Lure Tours may want to consider making the tour time longer in order to allow for slower speeds, acknowledging that allowing the company to have more boats on the lake to compensate for the longer tour times may be necessary.

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Discussion of Proposed Debris Boom to be Placed in the River

Dan Breneman stated that in the past there was discussion of a boom to catch most of the debris coming from the river. Mr. Breneman explained that he is not ready to make a recommendation yet, but he will get something to the board members prior to the next meeting. Mr. Givens explained that the proposed boom will only be across the water when there is an expected event and it should not interfere with regular boat traffic.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus:

- Mr. Hasenfus

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson:

- Mr. Johnson presented a hard copy of potential amendments to the Lake Structure Regulation and asked the board members to review the document prior to the next meeting.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman:

- Discussed during the special topics portion of the meeting

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett:

- Lake Operations Director Dean Givens stated that the mining permit has been received and a 10 year contract for dredging has been signed.

Water Quality – Bill Ashman:

- *No report*

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford:

- *No report*

Adjournment: Gary Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Hasenfus seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

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Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk