

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

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The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 16th day of October, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Bill Ashman
Dan Breneman
Sonya Ledford
Joe Pritchett
Gary Hasenfus
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Clint Calhoun, Environmental Management Officer

Non-Attending Members:

Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Gary Johnson

Call to Order and Agenda Review:

Chairman Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Board agreed to add a discussion led by Joe Pritchett concerning boat safety on the Lake under special topics on the agenda.

Approval of the minutes:

Bill Ashman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Joe Pritchett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department –The Board discussed the Lake Operations Department’s report that was sent to board members by Lake Operations Director Dean Givens prior to the meeting.

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Special Topics –

- a) **Discussion of Boat Safety on the Lake-** Joe Pritchett explained that he has safety related concerns about the lake commercial model taking into account increased usage and activity on the Lake when the number of boats permitted does not increase. Mr. Pritchett reviewed Lake Lure Tours increasing activity over the past several years while using the same number of boats. Russ Pitts, former Lake Advisory Board member, provided a brief background concerning the lake commercial model. Mr. Pitts explained that the perimeters of the model can be adjusted. Chairman Helms suggested that the Board hold a workshop to review the model. Mr. Pitts agreed to work the Lake Operations Department to create a presentation to explain the model.
- b) **Review Boat Permit Rates and Recommend Rates for 2018-** Chairman Helms read an email from Jason Rice, owner of Set the Hook Fishing Guide Service, inquiring about rates for commercial boats in 2018. Lake Operations Director Dean Givens recommended that all Lake fees remain the same for 2018. Gary Hasenfus inquired as to how many residents have three boats permitted and asked if the Board may want to consider reducing the maximum number of permits allowed for residents to two in the future when the maximum number of permitted boats is reached. Following discussion, Bill Ashman made a motion to recommend no changes to the lake fee schedule for 2018. Gary Hasenfus seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- c) **Continue Discussion Concerning Dual Permitting of Commercially Permitted Boats-** Joe Pritchett stated that he is against dual permitting because in 2006 the Marine Commission decided that towing should not be allowed behind commercially operated boats. Following discussion, Gary Hasenfus made a motion to recommend no change to the current regulations concerning dual permitting of boats. Joe Pritchett seconded. Gary Hasenfus, Joe Pritchett, Sonya Ledford, and Bill Ashman voted in favor of the motion (Dan Breneman left the meeting prior to the vote.)

Board Member Areas of Responsibility Reports:

Fishery & Ecosystem - Gary Hasenfus: Mr. Hasenfus described an increase in the size of white bass reported on the Lake.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization - Joe Pritchett: Mr. Pritchett reported that the dredging company is currently setting up and they plan to start pumping tomorrow.

Public Forum

Town Manager Ron Nalley stated that this year will be the tenth anniversary of the Polar Plunge and asked for flexibility in adjusting the lake level by up to twelve inches for the event. The Board has no issues with the Lake level changing up to twelve inches for the Polar Plunge event at the Town Manager's discretion as long as it doesn't present problems for contractors working on projects during the lake draw down. Clint Calhoun agreed to work with contractors working

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around the Lake to determine if the potential lake level change on January 1, 2018 will impact their projects.

Mr. Nalley reported that the first phase of the dam safety report came back and the second phase of the report should be available in March of 2018.

Adjournment: Bill Ashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. Gary Hasenfus seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk