



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board

January 7, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the January 7, 2019 meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mark Helms, Chairman

Gary Johnson

Michael Yelton

Sonya Ledford

Dan Breneman

Bill Ashman

Gary Hasenfus

Town Council Members present:

John Kilby, Council Liaison

Other Members Present:

Dean Givens, Director of Lake Operations

Absent: N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the January 7, 2019 meeting was reviewed. A request was made by Mr. Ashman to amend the agenda to include a request made by Lake Lure Tours regarding the classic boat show. **Mr. Ashman made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of Lake Lure Tours request. Mr. Hasenfus seconded and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Special Meeting were reviewed. **Ms. Ledford made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mr. Hasenfus seconded and all were in favor.**

Report from Lake Operations Department – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens mentioned that he emailed his Lake Operations Report for December 2018 to the Board. Mr. Givens stated that he had been busy and stated that dredging was on schedule and they were working Monday through Friday. He stated that they have currently moved about 12,000-15,000 cubic

yards which included dewatering, loading on trucks and removing. Dredging is occurring in smaller bits at a time so as not to overload the pits. The weather has not affected the dredging. Mr. Johnson asked if the boom was in place yet. Mr. Givens stated that it is in place and that it's just waiting to be deployed. There was discussion regarding when the boom will be deployed. Mr. Givens keeps a watch on the rain and water levels. There was further discussion regarding volunteers that could be trained in the spring that would be able to deploy the boom as called for.

Councilman Kilby voiced concerns regarding the trash gate and that trash was not getting through but clogging up. After discussion Mr. Givens stated that if it continues he can have the fire boat use the water gun again to help push the debris into the gate area to move it down stream. Mr. Givens will also speak to Mr. Arrowwood (Public Works Director) regarding same.

Mr. Givens updated the Board on the shifts at the Lake Operations Office and stated that Mitchell is working 2nd shift. Mr. Arrowwood is interviewing for 3rd shift operator currently. Once 3rd shift is hired the Lake Operations Office will be manned through the night. Mr. Kilby stated that just for this last month there was over \$90,907 generated in revenue. This is for November 21st through December 20th. This amount is higher than any other one month history and he feels that we would have made more but Duke had lowered their rates which affected the amount received.

Report from Council Liaison – John Kilby

Councilman Kilby advised the Board that Michael Lewis, who was due to speak to the Board last month but was unable, came before the Town Council regarding forgiving him a late fishing boat fee due to extreme circumstances. He relayed this information to the Town Council. The Council forgave him the fee due to an extreme issue. Councilman Kilby felt that the Lake Advisory Board would have done the same in Mr. Lewis' circumstances.

Special Topics-

Waiver of 21 Boat Length Restriction – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens discussed with the Board that a resident on the lake is wishing to build a boat house and would like a waiver to put a 16'x30' barge on the lake that would have an excavator to pile drive. The construction company is All Aspects Design and Construction. The home is on Buffalo Shoals. There was discussion regarding that the barge would be pushed into place by a motorized boat but that the barge would be moored. The waiver would be for 90 days; however there was discussion that this work would take much less time. The Board wanted to make sure it would not be in place during peak season, in which Mr. Givens assured them it would not be. There was further discussion of how the town should encourage this type of construction and that it would help to alleviate lowing of the lake for the same construction. There was further discussion for Dean to write a type of boat permit that would permit construction barges of this type on the lake for certain periods of time. There was discussion regarding the noise ordinance which the resident is aware of and will abide by. It was discussed that the permit would carry as one motorized unit and that the charge would be prorated from the \$500 permit cost for 90 days for a work barge and adding to the application fee which would total \$170.00 permit cost. There was discussion about being fair regarding prorates. Councilman Kilby stated that this was a one time request and not for a year long permit. Mr. Givens stated that he had permits that he would prepare for this request.

Mr. Givens recommended that the permit cost of \$500 be prorated out as a service barge, along with the application free of \$45.

Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to recommend that Town Council approve the request from All Aspects Design and Construction for a temporary commercial boat permit for a period of no longer than 90 days at the prorated fee of \$125 and the purchase of the 2019 Lake Commercial License Application at \$45 totaling \$170. Mr. Ashman seconded the recommendation and all were in favor.

Mr. Breneman stated that he was hesitant voting for the motion and that he had an interest in protecting the local contractors.

2019 Commercial Boat Permit Request – Dan Breneman

Mr. Breneman explained that he did not receive notice regarding any renewal of his commercial rental boats. He stated that he did have two individuals that mentioned they received calls from the town reminding them of the expiration and renewal. Mr. Givens mentioned that Linda, nor anyone from town, calls regarding renewals. Mr. Breneman continued that due to no notice he did not get applications in by the due date and he would like an adjustment to allow him the permits. There was a discussion regarding the model for the lake and of the number of permits for commercial vessels and that number had already been met for this year's permits. There was discussion regarding the model and that it should be looked at being that it was a 20 year old model and the numbers may have changed as well as the hours on the lake that commercial vehicles as well as vacation rentals use. Mr. Givens stated that he would look into this but that he was extremely busy and it might take awhile. Mr. Ashman suggested tabling Mr. Breneman's request until the model could be looked at and updated. Discussion continued regarding using public docks for operation of rental vessels and that the Board was not sure this was permitted.

A Recommendation was made by Mr. Ashman to table this request until further review of the lake model could be looked at. Mr. Johnson seconded the recommendation and all were in favor.

Classic Boat Show Request – Lake Lure Tours & Bill Ashman

Mr. Ashman began by explaining the Classic Boat Show that would be coming to town Mother's Day weekend and would also include a car show. He explained the events during the weekend which included a boat parade. While there are 250 boats that are a part of this event, there would be 30-40 boats in town for this weekend. Lake Lure Tours would ask that a few waivers be made for this show that would bring revenue to town as well as a future event that could eventually bring many more visitors. Mr. George Wittmer, Owner of Lake Lure Tours, approached the Board with these request:

- Waive boating permit requirement for exhibited boats launched into the lake
- Allow multi-boat "parade" (restricted to main channel of lake)
- Waive overall craft length for one boat ("Miss America IX")
- Waive noise ordinance for one boat ("Miss America IX")

The Board discussed all requests and revised the request for the parade being limited to the main channel of the lake, to add the fingers of the lake as the parade directors saw fit. There was mention of Larkins would love it to come up their way as well. Councilman Kilby stated that he felt whatever we could do as a town to promote this event was good.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to recommend approval to the Town Council for the request with the addition to the parade route. Mr. Ashman and Ms. Ledford recused themselves due to them being a part of the events committee. Chairman Mark Helms noted and approved the request. The Recommendation was then seconded by Mr. Breneman and all (with the exception of those recused) were in favor.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus updated the Christmas Tree project and that the trees had been placed at the back of the ABC. Mr. Hasenfus stated they could use more. He also mentioned a tree outlet in Hendersonville that would deliver trees for \$3 each. He reviewed a South Carolina Department of Natural Resources article on sinking of trees for fisheries and stated they are doing most of their suggestions. South Carolina uses tree sinking at all major reservoirs in South Carolina. Once the tree is sunk the aquatic insects that live and grow in the branches and needles act as an attraction for smaller fish which are fed upon by larger fish, but it gives the smaller fish a head start in the chain. There was a discussion regarding the ecosystem in Florida concerning the red tide issues and the thousands of fish that have died. It's hurt the economy and real estate business. There are actually front end loaders that load the dead fish in dump trucks to haul off. There was discussion of the possible causes. There was further discussion regarding the sediment and how due to the rain, it may be awhile before we see pits in the river. Mr. Givens states the pits have been TOPO'ed which will give him cubic yards of what is being hauled and discussed how they come about with the pay request for Tim Edwards.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson

Mr. Johnson noted there was no new information

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman

Mr. Breneman noted there was no new information

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Michael Yelton

Mr. Yelton advised the Board that the dredging was going as planned and they were moving toward the Main Channel. Mr. Givens reviewed that he was happy with the dredging progress.

Water Quality – Bill Ashman

Mr. Ashman noted there was no new information

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford noted there was no new information

Public Forum

Mr. Christopher Cain, who lives in Fairview, presented the Board information that he previously presented to the Marine Commission, who suggested he come to the Lake Advisory Board first. Mr. Cain's first request is for the town to increase the motorized horse power limits for fishing boats to 60hp, which is what Lake Adger uses. He requests this so that people can fish both lakes.

Secondly he requests to rewrite the 2004 fishing regulations. He stated that some language in there is not clear to people. It was not clear if the town is inland fishing waters or a private lake. He stated

that the General Assembly gave the town the authority to change the regulations and make it clearer to people to come fishing.

Mr. Cain presented his request regarding changes to be made to the regulations. The Board discussed Mr. Cain's request. The Board mentioned that the regulations are in line with State Regulations. Mr. Givens confirmed that was done seven years ago. There was discussion about non-residents and residents motorized permits.

The Board will take Mr. Cain's suggestions under advisement and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Kat Canant, Administrative Assistant to LLPD.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board meeting will be February 4, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:



Mark Helms, Chairman