



## **Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board**

**July 1, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the July 1, 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

Gary Hasenfus

Michael Yelton

Dan Breneman

Bill Ashman

Town Council Members present:

Councilman John Kilby

Other Members Present:

Dean Givens, Director of Lake Operations

Absent:

Sonya Ledford

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

The Agenda for the, July 1, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Helms asked to revise the Agenda under *Special Topics 4.D* as Mr. Burton notified Mr. Helms that the he was not yet ready to proceed. **Mr. Ashman made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Mr. Hasenfus seconded and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the June 3, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Ashman seconded and all were in favor.**

### **Special Topic Discussions**

**4.A Lake Lure Racing and Rowing Retreats Proposal** - Mr. Helms asked Mr. Opplinger to speak to the Board regarding the Lake Lure Racing & Rowing Retreats/Lake Lure community Rowing Creation and Development Proposal. After reviewing the document with the Board there was a discussion regarding giving the Board time to review the Proposal and address it at the next meeting. There was discussion regarding whether the Lake Advisory Board would be able to make a recommendation regarding all the

aspects of the Proposal. Mr. Ashman supported the goals of Lake Lure Racing but felt that further review would be advisable. The Board felt that many of the requests in the Proposal may need to go directly to Council such as use of the land by the ABC Store. Mr. Breneman commended Mr. Oppliger on the Proposal's five year plan and felt it was written well. After further discussion Board Chairman Helms asked the Board to review the document and bring thoughts and concerns to the next Board Meeting.

**4.B Motor Powered Boards** - Mr. Givens reviewed Motor Powered Boards and mentioned that the person who originally inquired into its use on the Lake retracted after he discovered the extreme cost of the Board. Mr. Givens reviewed again the workings of a Motor Powered Board. There was a discussion regarding the dangers of the vessel in both the No Wake Zone as well as in the Wake Zones. There was continued discussion and Mr. Helms asked Mr. Ashman if he would investigate the use of the MPB's in Lake Lure and bring his findings back to the Board. Mr. Hasenfus was asked to assist and he agreed.

**4.C Lowering of the Lake every three years** - Mr. Givens began by giving the history of the lake being lowered every three years. He discussed what damage they're now finding by lowering the lake such as damage to sewer systems and damage to boat houses. Mr. Kilby mentioned that the Town can lose around \$100k every month that the lake is lowered due to the dam not being able to generate power. Mr. Hinkle with Marathon Builders spoke as a guest and mentioned to the Board, that it doesn't matter one way or the other to contractors, however contractors need to know what they'll be contending with because whether the lake is up or down, they can work. There was discussion regarding dredging and that it cannot be done in areas of the lake when the water is lowered. Mr. Givens felt that the only time the lake should be lowered is when the Town has an absolute need for it to be lowered. The Board discussed and felt that it was less risky for the town to keep full pond.

***Mr. Breneman made a Motion to recommend the Board follow Mr. Givens recommendation to not lower the lake unless the Town has an absolute need to do so. Mr. Ashman seconded the Motion and all were in favor.***

Mr. Kilby recommended to Mr. Givens to schedule a Marine Commission meeting before the next Council Meeting to address this issue.

**Report from Lake Operations** – Mr. Givens reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

**Report from Council Liaison** – Mr. Kilby discussed that Town Manager Shannon Baldwin, Mr. Givens and Police Chief Humphries are working on guidelines for the Lake Patrol Officers. Mr. Kilby stated that he has viewed many boats that do not have permits on them, out on the lake. He feels that Lake Patrol should be giving written warnings, which would give the boat owner five days to comply or the boat will not be permitted back in the lake. He also had concerns with the Buoys by the dam in that boaters are unsure as to its meaning. They are going slow by them, but pick up speed past them as they get closer to the Dam.

**Special Topic** – Mr. Helms had nothing to add for Special Topics.

**Fishery & Ecosystem** – Mr. Hasenfus advised that fishing was good in the deeper areas but poor at the shoreline. He mentioned that early morning fishing was best due to daytime heat.

**Lake Structures** – Mr. Johnson had nothing new to add.

**Emergency Preparedness & Response** – Mr. Breneman had nothing new to add.

**Dredging & Watershed Stabilization** – Mr. Yelton had nothing new to add.

**Water Quality** – Mr. Ashman had nothing new to add.

**Regulations & Law Enforcement** – Ms. Ledford was not present.

**Guests Forum**

Mr. Jonathan Hinkle of 268 Firefly Cove spoke to the Board specifically to mention that he felt Motor Powered Boards are dangerous. He requested that the Board take a serious look at this because he has seen the boards for \$2500 and he felt that more people may be approaching for approval. Mr. Hinkle also voiced his approval of having the Lake Lure Rowers presence in Lake Lure.

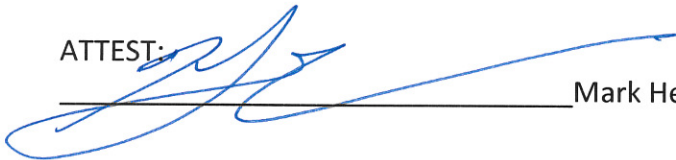
**Adjournment**

Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m. Mr. Johnson 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 August 5, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:



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Mark Helms, Chairman