



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board

September 9, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:32 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mark Helms, Chairman

Gary Hasenfus

Michael Yelton

Bill Ashman

Gary Johnson

Sonya Ledford

Town Council Members present:

Councilman John Kilby

Other Members Present:

Dean Givens, Director of Lake Operations

Absent:

Dan Breneman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the August 5, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Helms asked to revise the Agenda under *Special Topics 4.A to add Comments from Residents regarding Tour Boat Operations as 4.A1, and 4.A2 topic as Discuss Amendments to the Lake Use Regulations Regarding Commercial Operations* **Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised. Mr. Ashman seconded and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Ashman seconded and all were in favor.**

Special Topic Discussions

4.A.1 – *Comments from Residents regarding Tour Boat Operations* - Mrs. Cathy Tanner, resident of Lake Lure, represented a group of Lake Lure residents that owned properties on the Lake. Mrs. Tanner read a prepared letter voicing the groups concerns over Tour Boats that were causing wakes on the lake that were disruptive to their properties. She also voiced concern over being able to hear the tour

guides presentations. Mrs. Tanner reviewed the Lake Use Regulations and stated that the group found many infractions regarding the Tour Boats. Mrs. Tanner discussed the group's thoughts for acceptable operations for boat tours.

After Mrs. Tanner's comments the Board discussed briefly the suggestions. After a discussion with others in the group in the audience, the Board Chairman Mr. Helms stated that there were many other undertakings the Board was having to deal with but they would look into the group's complaints and suggestions towards the years end. Mr. Ashman suggested forming a committee to look into this. Mr. Helms felt that this was a good idea and he would distribute Mrs. Tanner's comments to the Board to review and they would revisit the topic and thoughts of forming a committee at a later meeting. Mr. Ashman also mentioned that he felt speed boats and wake boarders caused much more wake and disturbance than Tour Boats and mentioned it would be a good idea to consider all boats in this discussion. Mrs. Tanner asked that the group have answers back by April of 2020 regarding their complaints.

4.A.2 *Discuss Amendments to the Lake Use Regulations Regarding Commercial Operations* – Mr. Givens mentioned to the Board that the committee's findings were not complete. He requested that the Board schedule a Special Meeting within two weeks so the committee had time to finalize their review. Mr. Givens stated that by having the Special Meeting in two weeks that this would allow the Board to bring a recommendation to the Marine Commission before the next Council meeting. Mr. Helms agreed and stated he would email out a meeting date and time. Mr. Kilby reminded the Board that there would need to be a 48 hour notice of the meeting posted.

4.B *Discuss Boat Permit Fees for 2020* – Mr. Johnson presented current boat fees and opened a discussion on current fees and mentioned that most of the permits had sold out in 2019. Mr. Givens reviewed with the Board the Model for the Lake. There was discussion regarding making any increase in boat permit fees in small increments as had been done in the past. It was mentioned that Commercial Permits were increased two years ago. Mr. Ashman requested from Mr. Givens supporting information in a cost sheet for the Lake. There was discussion of all what was involved in the cost of supporting the lake such as dredging, dam operations, staff, lake patrol, lake patrol boats and public work boats. There was further discussion and it was decided that Mr. Givens would present the Board with a cost sheet for them to review before discussing boat permit increases. It was mentioned that the increase would need to be in place by the December meeting.

Report from Lake Operations – Mr. Givens reviewed his monthly report with the Board and there were no questions.

Report from Council Liaison – Mr. Kilby had nothing new to add. He did want to mention that the committee was putting a great deal of work into the new lake model and he felt satisfied with the direction they were heading.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Mr. Hasenfus mentioned that there would need to be work done on the habitat stabilization regarding trees. The Board discussed the lake draw down this winter. Mr. Hasenfus felt that waiting until the lake comes back up may help rotted trees land on the shore. Mr. Hasenfus also mentioned a problem with Bears in Lake Lure. He mentioned statistics from the BearWise.org website. The Board discussed the BearWise.org site and that there were helpful hints regarding 'living with

bears'. There was further discussion and mention that there was a meeting at Rumbling Bald with the BearWise.org team. The date and time is on the Town's website.

Lake Structures – Mr. Johnson had nothing new to add

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Mr. Breneman was not present.

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

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

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Ms. Ledford had nothing new to add.

Guests Forum –

Mr. Jonathan Hinkle, a Lake Lure Resident – Mr. Hinkle made a suggestion to the Board that all Town Board's Chairman's meet together quarterly to discuss the workings of their Board. Mr. Hinkle felt that valuable information discussed in meetings was not making it around to all committees and he felt it was important that this communication happen. Mr. Hinkle also mentioned enacting a Hospitality Tax for Vacation Rentals for the use of the Town's amenities as this group heavily impacts Lake Lure. Mr. Hinkle also discussed grants that should be sought for dredging cost. There was a discussion concerning hiring a Grant Writer that could seek grants that would assist with dredging cost.

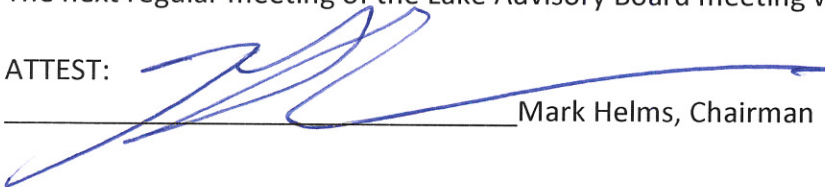
Adjournment

Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m. Mr. Yelton 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 October 7, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:



Mark Helms, Chairman