



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the February 3, 2020 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Mark Helms, Chairman
Mr. Gary Hasenfus
Ms. Sonya Ledford

Mr. Michael Yelton, Vice Chairman
Mr. Bill Ashman
Mr. David Lusk

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Councilman John Kilby
Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

Other Members Present:

Mr. Dean Givens - *Parks, Recreation & Lake Director*

Absent:

Mr. Gary Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the February 3, 2020 Board Meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Ashman made a motion to approve the Agenda as written. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the January 6, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Ashman seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Special Topic Discussions

Lake Lure Racing & Rowing Concession Agreement update – Mr. Givens informed the Board that there was a sub-committee formed of members from both the Lake Advisory Board and the Park and Recreation Board that met and discussed the concession agreement that Mr. Wade Oppliger had

brought to and discussed with the Lake Advisory Board. The sub-committee had discussed the agreement and what it entailed. It was decided that at this time the terms and agreements were not able to be met, mostly due to the uncertainty with where the Town is going in the next five years with dam repairs, sewer repairs, and all things that would require lowering of the Lake. There was discussion as well about the location Mr. Oppliger had asked the Town to allow him to use for his business, which was an area that the group felt was not a favorable area for this type of use. There was an in depth discussion in that the Board liked the drive of Mr. Oppliger to bring business to the Lake, however he needed to search for other support, such as private business partnerships. Mr. Ashman stated that it was our responsibility as a Town to help guide Mr. Oppliger in ours and his best interest. There was further discussion. Mr. Oppliger spoke to the Board and reviewed his thoughts about choosing Lake Lure to bring his business to. He has appreciated what's been afforded him. Mr. Oppliger discussed with the Board his intentions in moving into a relationship with Lake Lure Tours who has offered him a location to begin his business adventure. This would consist of use of a tethered dock by Pool Creek. The Board discussed that this was a good move and that Mr. Oppliger would need to bring the land use to the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Givens mentioned that there was no opposition from Lake Advisory Board for Mr. Oppliger's plan. Mr. Helms mentioned that once he gets support from the Parks & Recreation Board he could take his plan to the Town Council.

LAB Presentation and Discussion

Report from Lake Operations – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens presented his report to the Board. Mr. Givens also reviewed the process of the work being done on the boardwalk, Marina and boat ramps. Mr. Givens stated that the boat ramps should be assembled and on the water and completion of the project will be May 22nd. Mr. Givens stated that the contractor will be permitted to work the weekends in order to get the project completed in time. There will be 212 rentable slips. He also explained that there will be a traffic redirection to use for the boat ramp. Mr. Givens discussed the dredging that has taken place and members of the Board commented on the great job the contractor did in securing the loads and not spreading mud all over the roadways.

Report from Council Liaison – Commissioner John Kilby

Mr. Kilby discussed that the work on the penstock at the dam was complete and he explained that the crews are working on getting the generator charged back up. Mr. Kilby reviewed meetings that the Council and contractors have had and the selection of the new engineer firm. Plans for the sewer were reviewed. Mr. Kilby stated that the Town will undergo a great deal of infrastructure repairs and that these were all needed in order to keep the Town functioning. Mr. Kilby wanted the Board to encourage the townspeople and the public to attend Council Meetings and any Special Meetings that were being held to keep up on the information. He explained that it's quite possible that the Lake will need to be drawn down for the next five years to continue phases of work taking place.

Mayor Pritchett took a moment to explain work that was also needed on the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the collection system. This is all still in the planning phase. There was discussion regarding the work that needed to be done on the sewer and possible others alternate means of repair. Mr. Givens reviewed with the Board that there had been a group hired that flew over the entire lake after

it was lowered to 12ft. This process allows the Town and contractors the opportunity view the sewer system and manholes and give a good TOPO of the Lake.

Overall, after this discussion Mr. Kilby stressed that for the public, they needed to understand what is taking place with the Town and he encouraged them to go to the Town's website to find out dates of meetings where these discussions will continue. He mentioned that the Town will hold Town Hall Meetings with question and answer sessions.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus discussed with the Board that Lowes had donated two truckloads of Christmas Trees that had not sold for the fishery. He did mention that he is currently seeing no grasses where there should be some. Mr. Hasenfus also mentioned that they are renewing the State Permit which allows the State to oversee projects such as the trees being placed in the Lake.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson

Mr. Johnson was not present.

Emergency Preparedness & Response –

There was no discussion regarding this topic. Mr. Helms assigned this topic to Mr. Lusk for future meetings.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Michael Yelton

Mr. Yelton inquired as to if Rumbling Bald had completed their dredging. Mr. Givens stated that they had.

Water Quality – Bill Ashman

Mr. Ashman stated there was nothing new.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford stated there was nothing new.

Mr. Helms asked the Board to review all topics and get back with him at the following meeting to discuss which topics could co-join with another, change and or table all together. He mentioned that now with Mr. Givens reports, most of these items are covered. Mr. Givens mentioned that the two most important to him were the Fishery & Ecosystem as well as the Emergency Preparedness. He mentioned that Mr. Lusk also collects the water for testing. There was further discussion and Mr. Helms asked for the Board to think about this and the discussion would continue at another meeting.

Public Forum

Adjournment

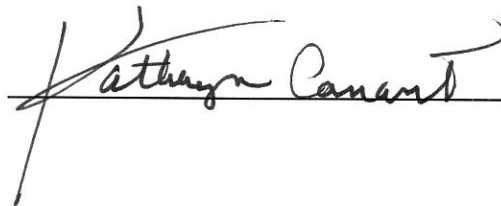
Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:41 p.m. Mr. Ashman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Kat Canant, Administrative Assistant to LLPD.
The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be March 2, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mark Helms, Chairman



Kat Canant, Board Clerk