



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the March 2, 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. Gary Johnson

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

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

Other Members Present:

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

Absent:

Councilman John Kilby

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the March 2, 2020 Board Meeting was reviewed.

The chairman proposed the addition of a Special Topic regarding LAB approval of boat permits. Mr. Ashman made a motion, and Mr. Hasenfus seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda with addition. Mr. Ashman seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 3, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Lusk made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Ashman seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Special Topic Discussions

Grafton Lodge owners were present and desirous of obtaining a commercial permit to be used for a taxi service. Discussion regarding logistics of their business ensued, and they made it known they would prefer to use the docks near the marina if permitted.

Mr. Givens explained the issue in regard to the commercial boat model. He also mentioned the LAB would be discussing the potential of adding commercial boat slips for rental at the Marina.

Mr. Givens gave details regarding a buoy request at 143 Anchors Way. **Mr. Johnson made a motion to not approve the request. Mr. Ashman seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

The chairman announced three residents have interest in obtaining boat permits in the vacation rental category after the November first application due date. The board recommended that the applicants present their situation at the Marine Commission meeting to ask for the late fee be waived, due to recent changes in the Lake Use Regulations. **Mr. Ashman made a motion to approve the applications. Mr. Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

LAB Presentation and Discussion

Report from Lake Operations – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens discussed the possibility of approving boat permits after November first by approving the applications without LAB notification. This is only for categories that have room for more boat permits. **Mr. Ashman made a motion. Mr. Lusk seconded and all were in favor.**

Mr. Hasenfus had questions regarding boom deployment issues when the lake is drawn down. Mr. Givens explained that the boom is in working order and will be effective once the lake is close to full pond.

Report from Council Liaison

Mr. Kilby was absent and Mayor Pritchett had no further comment.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus discussed recent NC WRC communications regarding a previous request for smallmouth bass placement in Lake Lure in the future, and that additional samplings would need to occur. The NC WRC approved the Town's request to stock additional threadfin shad as done in previous years. The NC WRC changed their permit period from five years to sixty days. It was also mentioned that the NC WRC takes the position that Lake Lure could be considered private, as they do have a boat launch with total control of the lake.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson

No discussion regarding future amendments of Lake Structure Regulations occurred.

Emergency Preparedness & Response –

Mr. Lusk reviewed trash gate issues at the dam. Mr. Lusk also discussed reasons why the expansion of the LLFD could assist the Town with an area for emergency response. He also discussed the possibility of the LLCA gymnasium being a location of interest for this topic as well.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Michael Yelton

Mr. Givens provided dredging information to the board on Mr. Yelton's behalf. Mr. Ashman complained about sedimentation when the lake is drawn down. Mr. Givens notified him that the Town was spending nearly a half a million dollars this year to remove sediment from the lake.

Water Quality – Bill Ashman

Mr. Ashman had nothing to report.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford had nothing to report.

Public Forum

Don King had questions regarding timing of lake draw down, and when the public would be informed of the upcoming year's drawdown. Mr. King also mentioned of the possibility of having boat permits pro-rated due to loss of lake time. Discussion ensued, and it was noted.

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:38 p.m. Mr. Lusk seconded the motion and all were in favor.

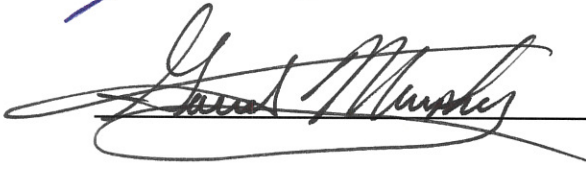
Minutes were transcribed by Garrett Murphy, PRC for the Town.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be April 6, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mark Helms, Chairman



Garrett Murphy, Board Clerk