



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Via ZOOM
November 2, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the November 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. David Lusk
Ms. Sonya Ledford

Mr. Michael Yelton, Vice Chairman
Mr. Gary Johnson
Mr. Ken Golliher

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Council Liaison - Commissioner John Kilby
Parks, Recreation & Lake Director Dean Givens

Absent:

Mr. Gary Hasenfus

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the November 2, 2020 Board Meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda, Mr. Golliher seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the August 3, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Golliher seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Special Topic Discussions

LAB Presentation and Discussion

Discuss Daily and Weekly Boating Permits and their costs – Mr. Helms

The Board discussed the current schedule of permit costs for the Weekly and Daily Permits that leave most boaters opting for purchasing six daily's versus the weekly permit. The Board discussed options.

Mr. Johnson made a recommendation for the Marine Commission to increase the Daily Permit cost from \$50 per day to \$60 per day. Mr. Golliher seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Approve 2021 Lake Advisory Board Meeting Dates – Mr. Helms
The Board reviewed the proposed dates for 2021.

Mr. Lusk made a motion to approve the 2021 Lake Advisory Board Meeting Dates. Mr. Golliher seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Discussion of Wake Boats – Mr. Givens

The Board discussed horse-power limits outboard motors as well as V drives and the damage they can cause to the lake if not monitored. There was a discussion of offering a class for those with V drives. HP limits were discussed and Mr. Givens mentioned while there would be those grandfathered in, there should be no additional over 200hp out-boards. Mr. Givens has seen the same issues at other lakes and he mentioned that Lake Lure is a much smaller lake and there needed to be thought put into the preservation of the shores and lake in general. There was discussion regarding the policing and enforcement of larger HP boats as well as a discussion of a speed limit for the lake. Mr. Yelton stated that there really should be no need for anything larger than a 200hp engine. There was further discussion.

Mr. Givens offered to gather information from other lakes and how they deal with HP and speed. Mr. Givens discussed how those that are currently resident permit holders could be grandfathered in and thought the model for grandfathering in Jet Ski's should be followed for limiting HP on the lake. There was a question regarding if a grandfathered boat that had a 200 or higher HP and had to replace the engine, that the purchase of a new engine with a lower horse power would be the rule since the old engine was what was grandfathered in. The Board discussed classifications and the intent for the classifications.

Mr. Givens will write a policy up and send it out to the Board for further deliberation. He asked that between now and the next Board meeting that the Board put thought into this issues and bring those to the meeting. There was further discussions regarding separating the permits out and charging higher fee for wake boats and have them put restrictions in writing while forming the policy. Mr. Helms stated that the discussion was not about banning activities but about keeping the lake safe and unharmed. Mr. Givens will find out which permits are for V drives and the board will discuss new rules for same. Commissioner Kilby suggested meeting with those that would effected by any change and get their input. The Board felt this was a good idea. Mr. Givens suggested the Board be thinking about solutions for these issues.

Report from Lake Operations – Mr. Givens

Mr. Givens shared the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Project Report and the Board had no questions regarding same. Mr. Yelton inquired into the dates for the Lake drawdown. Mr. Givens stated that Jan 4th the Lake will begin going down 12' and begin refilling hopefully on the last day of January. Mr. Givens encouraged those with boats still in the lake to remove them and that and damage done to the new slips due to someone not removing their boat, would be a liability to the boat owner.

Report from Council Liaison

Commissioner Kilby reviewed that the Marine Commission had upheld the lake policy not permitting motor type boards on the lake.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus was not present however Mr. Helms mentioned that natural (not fake) Christmas Trees can be left over at the designated area by the town's Police Boathouse after the holidays. All ornaments, tinsel and lights must be removed.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that the sell on his home most likely will go through and he will be resigning from the Board. He would update as things proceed.

Emergency Preparedness & Response –

Mr. Lusk stated that there was nothing to report.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Michael Yelton

Mr. Yelton confirmed with Mr. Givens that the dredging will begin with the lake drawdown this winter and as the Lake is refilled, dredging will move to the river portion.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford had nothing to report.

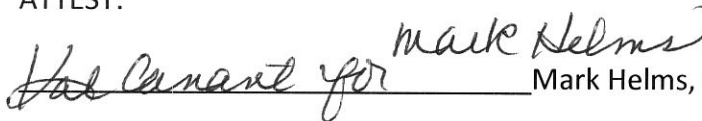
Public Forum**Adjournment**

Ms. Ledford made a motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:44 p.m. Mr. Golliher seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

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

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be December 7, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

 Mark Helms, Chairman

 Kat Canant, Board Clerk



Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

October 27, 2020

PREPARED FOR:

Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>Not selected for PARTF funding – reapplying during next grant cycle</i>	2. PR&L Self-funded - <i>Complete</i>	3. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail has been scouted; permits have been filed</i>	6. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
7. Landscaping at Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Fall 2020</i>	8. Replacement of Storm Water Drain at Marina – <i>Complete</i>	9. Repairs at Buffalo Creek Park – <i>Vandalism – New plexiglass has been ordered and will be installed soon</i>
10. Grant for Dredging – <i>Complete</i>	11. Signs for Boardwalk/Marina and parks – <i>Complete</i>	12. SOP for PR&L Maintenance – <i>Working with Melodie to create detailed SOP</i>
13. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	14. Locate Sewer Lines - <i>Dredging purposes</i>	15. Dredge Plan for 2020 – <i>Complete</i>

16. Spillway in Small Pond across from ABC Store – <i>Complete</i>	17. Amphitheater Grass – <i>Reseeding Complete</i>	18. Deep Water Launch – <i>Create for allowing equipment to launch during lake drawdown</i>
19. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	20. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>	21. Camera System for Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Complete</i>
22. Naming Rights – <i>Working to establish policy</i>	23. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>	

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Attended Basic Law Enforcement Training 5 nights a week
2. Completed dredging grant and submitted it
3. Contacted Pisgah Area SORBA and they agreed to partner with us for some of the Weed Patch Mountain tree removals
4. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
5. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 10/13 to repair erosion issues and remove fallen trees – 5 volunteers; 25 volunteer hours
6. Led Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail workday on 10/21 to remove beaver dam causing flooding on the trail – 5 volunteers; 15 volunteer hours
7. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 10/27 to remove several trees that had fallen between the Saddlewood Access and Linden Place – 5 volunteers; 30 volunteer hours
8. Cleared more fallen trees and obstacles from Saddlewood Emergency Access for Weed Patch Mountain Trail
9. Met with Dan Bragdon about potential ways to monetize assets
10. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
11. Got Travis Smith to spray kudzu at Boys Camp Road property
12. Updates/revisions are in progress for the Lake Lure Naming Rights Policy
13. Worked on landscaping plan and plant order for new boardwalk
14. Checked trails counters at Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and the Flowering Bridge
15. Collected water samples and recruited/trained 2 new volunteers to help collect them – 2 volunteers; 10 volunteer hours
16. Utilized a total of 80 volunteer hours
17. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
2. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
3. Put out Fall decorations
4. Pulled up remaining summer annuals
5. Measured gravel needed for Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail wet area
6. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with Clorox

Lake Activities:

1. Boat maintenance
2. Lake debris clean-up
3. Buoy replacement/maintenance
4. Preparing to send out commercial boat permit applications

I. FOLLOW UP

1. Luremont Trail: All necessary permits to begin construction on the new Luremont Trail have been applied for.
2. Boys Camp Road: We were not selected for PARTF funding this year, but are reapplying.
3. Dredging Grant: Grant submitted; waiting on approval
4. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for drafting a Naming Rights Policy for Town properties.
5. Lake Lure Trails: Work days will be held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained.

II. OTHER