



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Via ZOOM
December 7, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the December 7, 2020 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:29 p.m. on ZOOM Meeting Venue

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Mark Helms, Chairman
Mr. David Lusk
Mr. Ken Golliher

Mr. Michael Yelton, Vice Chairman
Ms. Sonya Ledford
Mr. Gary Hasenfus

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Council Liaison - Commissioner John Kilby
Parks, Recreation & Lake Director Dean Givens
Town of Lake Lure Mayor Carol Pritchett

Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the December 7, 2020 Board Meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Golliher made a motion to approve the Agenda, Mr. Lusk seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the November 2, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Golliher made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Lusk seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Special Topic Discussions

Change 2021 Meeting Date of July 5, 2021 to July 12, 2021 - Mr. Golliher made a motion to approve the change of meeting dates. Mr. Lusk seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Discuss Re-Appointments of Ms. Ledford and Mr. Lusk – Ms. Ledford and Mr. Lusk both asked to be reappointment to the Lake Advisory Board for another full term. During this discussion it was mentioned that Mr. Gary Johnson has tendered his resignation to the Lake Advisory Board. Commissioner Kilby noted Mr. Johnson’s resignation and will let the Council know to appoint a replacement.

Discuss and recommend to Marine Commission the 2021 Commercial Lake License Model – Dean Givens Mr. Givens previously emailed Board Members the 2021 Lake Lure – Lake Commercial License Applications Spreadsheet. Mr. Givens took time to review the categories as well as the applicants. He explained that the Hours Meter section is new and that this category will assist in lake use figures. Mr. Givens told the Board that with the 2021 Model, the Town should expect a revenue of \$146,610 which is up from 2020 at \$105,170. There was further discussion regarding the spreadsheet. It was further discussed that the Model leaves a Tour Permit available as Lake Lure Tours had exchanged a Livery Permit for a Tour Permit. The Board discussed putting this permit (and hours) in the Vacation Rental category to make it available hours, which could be used, instead of tying up those hours in the Tours category. There was further discussion regarding the exchange. Commissioner Kilby requested a recommendation from the Board to the Marine Commission.

Mr. Golliher made a Recommendation to the Marine Commission to move the one unused Tour permit (hours) to the Vacation Rental category. Mr. Lusk seconded the Recommendation and all members were in favor.

Mr. Givens felt that the 2021 Model was a good fit for the Town and that it still leaves room for further permits. Mr. Givens stated that should a category receive applications that would exceed its limit, it would have to go before the Marine Commission for approval. There was further discussion regarding V-Drives and other boats that cause excessive wake. The Board discussed making sure the Model # was completed on the application which would allow identification of the boat size. The Board discussed having Mr. Givens ask the Town’s clerks and the Lake Lure Tours employees make sure the Model # is completed when taking an application. Mr. Givens agreed and stated he would also get with the program developer to have that section highlighted and mandatory for an applicant to complete in the application. There was further discussion that some applications may be missed before these items could be changed on the application. Mr. Givens will continue to look into a solution.

LAB Presentation and Discussion

Report from Lake Operations – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens reviewed the Lake Operations Report and asked if there were any questions and there were none. Mr. Yelton inquired if Christmas Trees would be collected again this year. Mr. Givens stated that there would be trees collected in the normal area behind the ABC Store. The Trees must have no lights and no tinsel or flocking. There is no deadline and Mr. Hasenfus mentioned they were working with Lowes and Publix again to get their unsold trees to use in the lake for fish habitats and reefs. Mr. Hasenfus thought it would be good for the public to know about the tree collection.

There was further discussion regarding the lake draw down on January 4th wherein it will come down 12' maximum. This will allow for the warranty inspection on the lining of the Penstock that was installed last year at the dam. Also during this time there will be an inspection of the backshore area which is from the water area 12' down back up to where full pond would be. This area would be inspected for the sewer system. The lake should come back up to full pond around the end of January, given the amount of water coming into the Lake is a good flow.

Report from Council Liaison – Commissioner Kilby

Commissioner Kilby reviewed the lake draw down and asked that we get the word out to make sure that those who have their boats at the Marina, get them out, to keep them from sitting in the mud. Commissioner Kilby also mentioned that he and Commissioner DiOrio went to a meeting with the Lake Lure Village Resort residents concerning the new Cluster Moring charges. He felt the meeting went very well. Commissioner Kilby wanted to make sure the public knew they could attend the Marine Commission meeting and Council Meeting by going to the ZOOM link to join in.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus had nothing further to add.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson

Previous to the meeting Mr. Johnson resigned from the Board via email.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – David Lusk

Mr. Lusk mentioned he is speaking with the Lake Lure Classical Academy in attempts for them to commit to using the Gymnasium in emergency situations. The Board will get back with Mr. Lusk after they meet.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Michael Yelton

Mr. Yelton inquired with Mr. Givens regarding dredging. Mr. Givens updated the Board that dredging is currently being done in the river behind Town Hall. He felt assured this area would not involve hitting sewer lines. When the lake does go down on January 4th, they will try to locate any sewer lines that run in the river by using surveyors. While the Lake is down they will be using a barge in the area of the silt shelf. When the Lake comes back to full pond dredging as usual will begin. The Town has also applied for a grant for further dredging. He explained the terms of the grant.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford had nothing to report.

Public Forum

Adjournment

Mr. Golliher made a motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:46 p.m. Mr. Lusk 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 January 4, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Hal Canant for

Mark Helms, Chairman

Kat Canant

Kat Canant, Board Clerk



Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

November 30, 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. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail scouted; permits filed; Plan approved by Parks and Rec. Board, info. sent to William Morgan for legal opinion</i>	3. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. SOP for PR&L Maintenance – <i>Working with Melodie to create detailed SOP</i>	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Landscaping at Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Began laying out landscaping bed; plants/trees have been ordered</i>	8. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	9. Repairs at Buffalo Creek Park – <i>Vandalism – Complete</i>
10. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	11. Deep Water Launch – <i>Create for allowing equipment to launch during lake drawdown</i>	12. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>
13. Locate Sewer Lines - <i>Dredging purposes</i>	14. Amphitheater Grass – <i>Reseeding Complete</i>	15. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>
16. Naming Rights – <i>Working to establish policy</i>	17. Grant for Dredging – <i>Complete</i>	18. Seeking Grants for Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Attended Basic Law Enforcement Training 5 nights a week
2. Checked requirements for RHI Legacy Foundation grants; BCP parking lot expansion would be a qualifying project – putting together initial packet (the pedestrian bridge for the Luremont Trail may also qualify)
3. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
4. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 11/3 to install new signage on the shortcut trail, bouldering trail, and at the beginning of the Weed Patch Mountain Trail – 4 volunteers; 16 volunteer hours
5. Led Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail workday on 11/10 to remove trees that fell during wind storm – 5 volunteers; 15 volunteer hours
6. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 11/16 to blow leaves off the trail – 4 volunteers; 24 volunteer hours
7. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 11/18 to remove 21 trees that had fallen between the Apple Wagon Road Access and Grey Rock Access – 7 volunteers; 45.5 volunteer hours
8. Recruited volunteers to clear fallen trees from Saddlewood and Grey Rock Emergency Access roads for Weed Patch Mountain Trail – 2 volunteers; 10 volunteer hours
9. Recruited volunteers to clear large trees down at markers 120 and 114 on Weed Patch Mountain Trail – 2 volunteers; 10 volunteer hours
10. Helped with layout and flagging for marina landscaping; plants/trees have been ordered
11. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
12. Updates/revisions are in progress for the Lake Lure Naming Rights Policy
13. Checked trails counters at Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and the Flowering Bridge
14. Recruited volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 12 volunteer hours
15. Utilized a total of 122.5 volunteer hours
16. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
2. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
3. Installed new plexiglass and locks on Buffalo Creek Park kiosk; removed graffiti
4. Took down fall decorations; put out Christmas/holiday decorations
5. Began layout and flagging for marina landscaping
6. Installed gravel in wet area on Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail
7. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with Clorox

Lake Activities:

1. Boat maintenance
2. Lake debris clean-up
3. Buoy replacement/maintenance
4. Commercial boat permit model complete and ready for approval in December

I. FOLLOW UP

1. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; information sent to William Morgan for legal opinion
2. Boys Camp Road: We were not selected for PARTF funding this year; reapplying in 2021
3. Dredging Grant: Grant submitted; waiting on approval
4. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for Naming Rights Policy for Town properties
5. Lake Lure Trails: Work days held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained

II. OTHER