



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Via ZOOM
February 1, 2021

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the February 1, 2021 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:33 p.m. on ZOOM Meeting Venue

Roll Call

Board Members present:

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

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

Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the February 1, 2021 Board Meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Hasenfus 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 December 7, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Lusk made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Golliher seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Special Topic Discussions

Chairman Mark Helms welcomed Mr. Bill Bay to the Board.

LAB Presentation and Discussion

Report from Lake Operations – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens reviewed the January Report with the Board and there were no questions. Mr. Givens announced to the Board the award of a N.C. State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Grant that was awarded to the Town of Lake Lure for dredging. The total grant request was for \$850k. This is consisting of DEQ awarding \$637,500 and the Town's commitment by putting in $\frac{1}{4}$ of the \$850k, which is \$212,500. Mr. Givens discussed the Grant and the work that was done on it by himself and Ms. Dana Bradley (Park, Recreation & Trails Coordinator for the Town). This grant will allow for lake dredging as well as for the purchase of the much needed dredging equipment to assist with year round dredging.

The Grant funds must be spent by the end of the 2021 year, where at that time, the Town can reapply for another grant. Mr. Kilby mentioned the successful work of Mr. Givens and Ms. Bradley on this grant. Mr. Givens explained to the Board, that generally the State concentrates on the Coastal areas, however they're now concentrating on the inland and freshwater lakes. Lake Lure's water shed is unique and they realize this. Other freshwater lakes may only need dredging 5-15 years, however Lake Lure, due to the water shed, must dredge every year. Mr. Givens continued to explain that because Rutherford County is a Tier 1 County, the State only required a 25% match on the grant which will bring the total amount for dredging close to \$850k. Mr. Givens mentioned the equipment he is looking to purchase, including an excavator and barge that can move about on the lake. There was discussion regarding the 2021 lake draw down and if there would be one. Mr. Kilby mentioned that all these things will need to be discussed by Council regarding other work going on in the Lake, and he felt very positive regarding the dredging grant. There was continued discussion regarding the excavation process and access points. Mr. Kilby mentioned he's heard many rumors regarding lake draw downs, work on the dam and other topics. He encouraged folks to attend Council Meetings, via Zoom for now and/or to contact their Commissioners.

Report from Council Liaison – Commissioner Kilby

Mr. Kilby had nothing further to add but again thanked Mr. Givens and Ms. Bradley on the very fine work done to allow the State to award the Town of Lake Lure this monumental grant.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus reviewed the N.C. Wildlife Biologist work that was done last year by taking samples of Lake Lure Black Bass to analyze if they were showing any characteristics of invasive fish. Mr. Hasenfus mentioned Lake Norman's Large Mouth Bass have been affected. While the test were done last June, due to COVID, Auburn University had not yet been able to run the test. The Biologist did mention to Mr. Hasenfus in a letter that Lake Lure's Black Bass fishery was thriving and that there was no glaring characteristics of unwanted species. Mr. Hasenfus mentioned that the Town will need to apply for the stocking of Threadfin again this year and due to it coming from Alabama there are steps that need to be taken due to COVID restricting transport. Hopefully the Town can get back on track with 20k Threadfin coming in March or April. A biologist will be present to assure no invasive species with this transport. Mr. Hasenfus mentioned the small amount of Christmas Trees that were dropped off at the back of the ABC Store. There was discussion regarding other places to gather trees that will help create fisheries in the Lake.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – David Lusk

Mr. Lusk mentioned there is communication with LLCA for using the school in emergency situations. He mentioned Lake Lure Fire Chief Dustin Waycaster is involved and will get back with Mr. Lusk as things progress.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Michael Yelton

Mr. Yelton had nothing further to add and gave accolades to Mr. Givens and Ms. Bradley for their work on the dredging grant.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford had nothing to report.

Public Forum

None

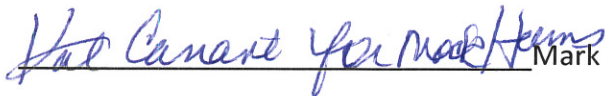
Adjournment

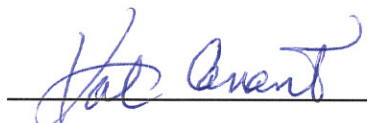
Mr. Lusk made a motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:18 p.m. Mr. Yelton seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

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

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be March 1, 2021 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:

January 29, 2021

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, legal opinion received; next steps being discussed</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>Complete</i>	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Landscaping at Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Large trees and shrubs have been installed</i>	8. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	9. Seeking Grants for Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion
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. Naming Rights – <i>Working to establish policy</i>	14. Grant for Dredging – <i>Awarded \$637,500</i>	15. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Attended Basic Law Enforcement Training 5 nights a week
2. Continued working on initial packet for RHI Legacy Foundation grant for potential funding for BCP parking lot expansion and, possibly, the pedestrian bridge for the Luremont Trail.
3. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
4. Organized Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail workday on 1/12 to remove fallen trees – 5 volunteers; 15 volunteer hours
5. Recruited volunteers to clear 2 fallen trees from Saddlewood emergency access for the Weed Patch Mountain Trail on 1/14 – 2 volunteers; 10 volunteer hours
6. Recruited volunteer to do a inspection of the Buffalo Creek Park trail in preparation for the upcoming workday – 1 volunteer; 4 volunteer hours
7. Organized Buffalo Creek Park workday on 1/19 to remove a fallen tree, blow leaves from the extension, and repair eroded areas – 5 volunteers; 25 volunteer hours
8. Recruited volunteer to inspect signage at Buffalo Creek Park and make repairs on 1/26 – 1 volunteer; 2 hours
9. Helped with layout for marina landscaping; smaller plants being installed soon
10. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
11. Updates/revisions are in progress for the Lake Lure Naming Rights Policy
12. Checked trails counters
13. Recruited volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 14 volunteer hours
14. Utilized a total of 70 volunteer hours
15. 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 shoreline information banners
4. Took down Christmas decorations
5. Helped install marina landscaping materials
6. Began installation of landscape beds at Washburn Marina and south end of boardwalk
7. Completed SOP
8. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with bleach

Lake Activities:

1. Dredging
2. Sewer line location

I. FOLLOW UP

1. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; legal opinion received; next steps being discussed
2. Boys Camp Road: We were not selected for PARTF funding this year; reapplying in 2021
3. Dredging Grant: \$637,500 grant awarded, working to finalize budget
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