LAKE LURE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

8 November 2006

Members Present:

Ed Dittmer, Paula Jordan, Rod

Anderson,

Members Absent:

Martyn Watts, Jim Dunn, Mary Karr

Town Officials Present:

Chuck Place, Town Manager

Shannon Baldwin, Community Development Dir.

Clint Calhoun, Erosion Control Officer Tony Hennessee, Public Works Director

The Chair called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of 11 October 2006 was made by Rod Anderson, seconded by Ed Dittmer, and was approved.

Shannon Baldwin arranged a conference call speaker phone connection with Chuck Nance of Isothermal Planning and Development Commission to review the status of the Recreational Needs Survey that he and his staff are developing for the town of Lake Lure. It was agreed that Chuck would provide a draft survey questionnaire to the Board for review within the week and Chuck Place would develop a short lead letter on the survey questionnaire form for the mayor to sign. The Chair reassigned Paula Jordan to be the Board lead on the recreation needs survey as well as the parks and recreation master plan development as part of the town Comprehensive Plan. Rod Anderson was assigned to take the lead on recreation program development in place of Paula.

Rod Anderson discussed the status of the cleanup of the unsightly shoreline under the boardwalk. It was decided to wait until after the lake level is lowered this winter to do this cleanup for easier cess. Use of inmate labor was also discussed, along with volunteer labor.

Mr. Place advised the Board of the December deadline for input to him for any parks & recreation capital budget items for next year's town budget and reviewed what would constitute a capital budget item as opposed to an operating budget item. Mr. Place also updated the Board on the status of the bid process for the Town Center Walkway.

A discussion then ensued on the status of Gateway Park and what is needed in the way of DOT signage removal and possible phone line pole removal before any major landscaping can occur. Mr. Place will take the lead with the Public Works Director Mr. Hennessee to try to get these removed.

The Chair then updated the Board on the status of the planned hiking/biking trail system on the town property west of the municipal golf course and south of the Justice property. Several members of the Board had hiked the terrain with Chuck Place, Tony Hennessee, Clint Calhoun, and several public works personnel to mark the trail path and discuss what was needed in the way tree/brush removal, land disturbance, and trailhead parking. Chuck Place volunteered to draw up a site plan for the trailhead parking area.

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