

LAKE LURE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

14 June 2006

Members Present: Ed Dittmer, Martyn Watts, Rod Anderson

Members Absent: Mary Karr, Paula Jordan,

Town Officials Present: Jeanine Noble, Council Liaison
Chuck Place, Town Manager

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Rod Anderson as a new member replacing Thomas M. King.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of 10 May 2006 and special Board meeting of 15 May 2006 was made by Martyn Watts, seconded by Rod Anderson, and was approved.

Mr. Place and Commissioner Noble advised the Board of the action taken by the Town Council at their 13 June 2006 meeting in instructing the town manager to present to the July Council meeting a revision of the Resolution No. 00-01-11 adopted 11 January 2000 to create an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Board, who, when present, would vote in the absence of another Board member, but otherwise would be a non-voting member of the Board.

The Chair reviewed the Board's FY2007 parks/ beautification and recreation priorities as discussed at the special Board meeting of 15 May 2006 and subsequently approved by an email response from members not present at the meeting. The Chair also discussed the presentation of said priorities to the Town Council at the budget workshop on 23 May 2006 and the favorable response from members of the Town Council. At the public Town Council meeting on 13 June 2006, an allocation of \$5,000.00 was approved for parks and recreation projects for the fiscal year beginning 1 Jul 2006, to be administered under the budget of the Public Works Department.

The Board then discussed the status of the portal minipark (AKA Kiwanis Park) at the intersection of NC9 with US 64/74A and members were asked for design suggestions and timetable. Mr. Place advised that he would draft up a design for review by the Board. The Chair mentioned that Jeff Sinclair a rock mason had offered his services free of charge to Public Works Director Tony Hennessee in constructing a low semicircular rock wall at the head of the park. The desire of the Board was to proceed as soon as possible on the park construction and landscaping of this highly visual entry point to the town.

Discussion then ensued on the proposed hiking/biking trail system in the undeveloped portion of the Municipal Golf Course. Mr. Place provided a recent aerial photo of the golf course and the undeveloped town property to its south and outlined several possible trails that could be developed. It was agreed that willing Board members meet with Mr. Hennessee and some of his Public Works personnel and walk some of these possible trail locations and mark a suggested trail way from the projected trailhead off Island Creek Road near the Police firing range to hook up with existing logging trails on the property. The intent then is to elicit help from local residents, hiking clubs, and possible prison laborers to clear the trailways with assistance from Public Works personnel.

Before adjournment, the Board then briefly discussed some suggestions for landscaping and beautification projects in the downtown area and what to do with the undeveloped area of Morse Park, but no Board recommendations were agreed upon and such projects will be the subject for further discussion.