



# **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting**

## **Meeting Minutes**

December 1, 2011

### **Call to order**

Board Chairman Ed Dittmer called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30pm on December 1, 2011

### **Roll Call**

- **Board Members Present:** Ed Dittmer, Chuck Watkins, Diane Barrett, Bill Miller, Martyn Watts
- **Board Members Absent:** Larry Czajkowski, Todd Dunnuck
- **Town Officials Present:** Town of Lake Lure Mayor Bob Keith, Town Council Liaison Linda Turner, Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melody Potter, Town Planner Suzy Smoyer, Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun,
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### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting**

Meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion was made to accept the agenda by Diane Barrett, seconded by Chuck Watkins, and the motion was passed.

The Minutes from the November 3, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Chuck Watkins made the motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Diane Barrett, and the motion was passed.

### **Open Issues**

**1. Status of Morse Park Wetland Restoration and Enhancement Plan permitting process** – Clint Calhoun noted that the permit had been just received from the Army Corps of Engineers for the project. He is still waiting on the DWQ permit. Ed has been working with Fred Grogan with Equinox negotiating their involvement with the project, as well as with Shannon for a scope of work. Shannon will provide guidelines for an agreement and contract.

**2. Status of planning for Lake Lure Flowering Bridge** – Bill discussed that the committee needed to become a corporation, which they have done and are now known as the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, Inc. The State is reviewing the Terms and Conditions of the Bridge Preservation Plan. Bill discussed they are looking into employing a designer and close to making their decision. The Membership Drive is underway for Founding Members, which is a minimal cost of \$100.00. They currently have \$10K. The corporation will be a "non-profit organization which will make it easier to apply for grants to help with the funding of the additional cost. The \$120K bridge maintenance account from the North Carolina DOT has been put to the side for future preservation and maintenance of the structure.

**3. Status of planning for “Northern Parkland/Buffalo Creek Park”** – Ed discussed the continuation of negotiations between Town Manager Chris Braund and Woody Cain from Trail Dynamics on trimming the cost of the trail design plan. A suggestion that he and Chris have discussed is having the town staff perform the GIS work. Design work is scheduled to begin in January 2012. The Rumbling Bald Resort Buildings and Grounds Committee will discuss their part in their portion of the trailhead work, at their next budget meeting. Suzy Smoyer mentioned that the parkland briefing presentations are underway and have been received positively. She also discussed the large competition of grants that we’ve been applying for. Unfortunately the “Bikes Belong” grant application did not get approved. She is continuing to work diligently on grant filing and following up on those that have already been applied for.

**4. Status of planning for potential trails system in Luremont area of Town Center** – Ed discussed he is working with Shannon on an email that was sent to Chris Callahan regarding if the town has public access and right of way on the streets in the Luremont area. It will not affect the current (Phase 1) site map in which Suzy put together with GPS coordinates. This map was emailed to members and was reviewed during this meeting. Donnie Tessner, who is in charge of Chimney Rock State Park’s trail system, will work with the Board on defining the trail route and erosion control.

**5. Status of work on parkland maintenance punchlist** –Melody mentioned that they will have all the signs in Donald Ross Park worked on by next week. Discussion was made about not using the wooden signs again due to weather deterioration. Ed asked the Board to be sure to let him know about any parks maintenance needs they see that need attending to. Ed discussed that Ron Morgan has scheduled for burning off the plant debris in Morse Park wetlands.

## **New Issues**

**1. Options for Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course** – Mayor Bob Keith discussed the closing of the golf course. He also discussed options that are being reviewed for the use of the course. He is seeking feedback and has assigned Commissioner Bob Cameron to gather the community’s ideas for future plans. This should be complete within 90 days.

## **Adjournment**

Ed Dittmer adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by: Kat Canant, Town Employee