

Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2013

Call to order

Chairman Ed Dittmer called the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:25 pm on July 11, 2013

Roll Call

- **Board Members Present:** Ed Dittmer, Linda Turner, Larry Czajkoski, Martyn Watts, Jonathan Hinkle
- **Board Members Absent:** Bill Miller
- **Town Officials Present:** Commissioner Diane Barrett,

Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting

Meeting agenda was reviewed. Agenda accepted with exception of flipping several issues for discussion to allow one Board members to leave early. Minutes of June 6, 2013 meeting approved and seconded.

Minutes of the June 6, 2013 meeting were approved and seconded.

Ed Dittmer reviewed budget information for FY 2013/2014. Item 102 salaries/Part-time was discussed and suggestion made that Eddie Drasser be given an opportunity to quote on some of the work needing to be done on the parks and grounds areas instead of using outside contract services.

(NOTE: Topics are listed in the order of discussion)

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#5 Washburn Marina gas tank beautification – something needs to be constructed or planted in order to provide a barrier around the gas tank. Martyn suggested a specific species of "Cornus Alba" wiry shrub as a barrier which is deciduous losing its leaves in winter. Discussed installing a 10-12 foot tall wooden fence with alternating slats with corner posts placed in concrete for sturdiness, approximately one foot off ground to allow water flow during rain episodes. Martyn to provide a price quote on this project to the Board.

New Issues

#1 Proposed consolidated Lake Lure Tours Concession Agreement for operation of Lake Lure Beach & Water Park, Washburn Marina and lake tours - Currently that are three individual contracts for these activities. It was proposed

to Town Council on July 9 that these three be rewritten into one contract. Town Council wanted the individual town boards to review the proposed contract to give their approval prior to Council approved adoption of new contract. Of concern in the proposed contract is Exhibit D, Concessioner's commitment to Lake Lure town asset improvement/maintenance management investment 2013-2014 and beyond. It lists 10 items for improving and changing the beach area which falls under the Parks & Recreation Board purview. Concern was voiced regarding the additional gazebo and picnic shelter blocking the view of the beach and lake from surrounding businesses, street and walkway. The appearance of any structures and color must be esthetically pleasing and in line with town structure codes. Concern was voiced regarding construction of a gazebo at the end of spit of land separating Poole Creek and the beach. The soil in that area is eroding away and before any structure could be built the soil must be re-enforced to prevent further erosion. All permitting requirements/restrictions must be met. Board members agreed in concept subject to living up to projects as described as well as cost. The proposals are considered a win-win situation for both the Town and hotel. Board members were asked to review the information they had been given and give approval to Ed via e-mail.

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#1 Status of Buffalo Creek Park development – Clint reported the State disapproved original submitted proposed permit for trail construction, so he reworked the proposal and resubmitted it on 7/1/13 and has heard nothing from State as yet. He has heard nothing regarding the 404 permit to date, once approval is received trail construction can begin. Town is awaiting approval of sediment/erosion control permit. Marathon Builders received approval to build bridge and will start process on Monday July 15th with plans for completion of project by mid-August. Wyndam discussions went flat, only interested in long-term lease. Will need a waiver from RBR ACC on restrictions to put in a public parking lot at trail head location for this situation.

#2 Status of Flowering Bridge project – Ed informed Board members that Town Council agreed to purchase the property at corner of Boys Camp Rd. and Memorial Hwy. since that location is a gateway into the Town. Use of property is undecided but since it is a gateway it is to the Town's benefit to own property for our use. It could become a gift shop to be run by the Flowering Bridge committee, a snack/gift shop or other uses yet to be determined. The grand opening of the bridge will occur on Saturday, October 19th.

#3 Status of Morse park enhancement projects – Ed has been working with Vic Knight regarding spillway area at edge of embankment to have steps designed and built to the top of berm. Approval must be obtained by Brown Engineering Associates who originally constructed the berm so they can recommend how steps can be constructed in order to maintain the integrity of the berm. Since the berm area falls under Dean Givens office, he will have to submit a permit request to Shelia to begin work. Money had been set aside from last year's budget for this work.

#4 Status of work on parkland maintenance punchlist – Melodie was not in attendance so Ed stated that Melodie and crew have been keeping things moving along.

It was stated at this time that one man's 3 dogs are still allowed to roam free instead of being on a leash. His challenging attitude is one of "no one is going to tell me I can't let my dogs run free in the park". If his dogs get hurt in the traps set for the groundhogs, it will be the owner's fault for not obeying the ordinance.

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#2 Dormant Town Streetlight Project – nothing more has been done to gather data regarding different types of street lights within the town but this topic needs to be discussed to determine style, height, color, etc. of streetlights since the Flowering Bridge committee is working on obtaining streetlights to place on bridge which should be consistent throughout town. Solar powered lighting was discussed. Poles will be numbered/lettered to easily locate – don't know which are Town owned or privately owned. Patrolmen are to check streetlight outages. Town still has at least 5 year agreement with Duke Power for light poles being used in Town. Hendersonville Co. has LED light fixture bringing to meet with Flowering Bridge Committee. Ed will get with Shannon and Flowering Bridge Committee to schedule a meeting to discuss streetlight issue.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the municipal golf course beautification project and how good the course is looking under Dale's management.

Ajournment

Ed adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Minutes were taken by Diane Barrett, Town Council Liaison

The next Parks & Recreation Board Meeting will be held on Thursday August 1, 2013