



# Town of *Lake Lure* est. 1927 North Carolina

## **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting** **January 8, 2015 Minutes**

### Call to Order

Chairman Ed Dittmer called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:38pm.

### Roll Call

Board Members present:

Ed Dittmer  
Jessica Kendall  
Linda Turner  
Jim Walters  
Larry Czajkoski

Board Members absent:

Martyn Watts

It was duly noted that member Jonathan Hinkle resigned effective January 1, 2015. Mr. Hinkle is now serving on the Zoning and Planning Board.

Town officials present:

Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter  
Town Council Liaison Diane Barrett

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

**The agenda for the January 8, 2015 Board meeting was reviewed.**

It was noted that the first item on the agenda was the selection of a new Board Chairman. Ed Dittmer noted that he had served on the Board and as Chairman for sometime and he felt that it was time to allow new ideas and leadership. Ed mentioned that he would still like to remain on the Board.

Jim Walters voiced his desire to take on the Chairman's position. There was further discussion regarding the duties of the Chairman's job and attendance at the Town Council meetings.



There was a motion made by Linda Turner to appoint Board Member Jim Walters to Board Chairman and to appoint Ed Dittmer to Vice-Chairman. Larry Czajkoski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Larry Czajkoski praised Ed Dittmer and the incredible job he had done serving the Town on this committee, mentioning the future was bright and exciting and that Ed had positioned the Board well to continue. The Board agreed and thanked Ed for his dedication.

Ed Dittmer gave a brief description of the Chairman's position and the structure of how the position served the Town. He and Jim will meet later to discuss all that is involved.

Jim Walters wanted to take this time to publically and in this forum, recognize Kat Canant, the Town's Liaison who has kept minutes for the meeting for several years. He mentioned the recent award Miss Canant received and agreed that she had served the town in many different areas including working for the Police Department, volunteering her time and giving to the community as well as giving her time to the Board.

**A motion was made to accept the Agenda by Linda Turner and seconded by Larry Czajkoski and all were in favor.**

**The minutes for the December 4, 2014 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes were made by Jessica Kendall and seconded by Larry Czajkoski and all were in favor.**

#### STATUS OF BUFFALO CREEK PARK DEVELOPMENT

Larry Czajkoski updated the Board that Phase I was completed. There have been site visits by Ed Sutton. Clint has been flagging for Phase II. There is currently \$200,000 in this fund. They are waiting for that to proceed. Larry mentioned the potential site for the trail head – Chris Braund has made the decision that he would rather spend the near term effort and funding on mileage instead of trying to secure that parcel of land. Larry stated that due to the nature of dealing with the resort and some other things, it's been put off for now. It is still on the priority list but down the line. The current trail head will be fine for now. They are looking at other future sites for the possibility of trail heads in 2015.

Ed mentioned that he had gone out to the Boys Camp Road trail head and the parking was full and cars were parking across the road. He mentioned that the trails are being heavily used. Linda mentioned that she understood putting it off, but with the hiking season coming, she was concerned that there would be a greater need for trail head parking. Larry stated that Chris did see the importance for the parking lot, but that he's looking at the best partnering and best sites and wants to step back to get a better view of things.

#### POOL CREEK PARK



Ed asked if the Town Maintenance had started any work at the Pool Creek Park yet. Melodie mentioned that until the contract was renewed and signed with George Wittmer that they would be unable to start. Melodie mentioned that she had spoken with Chris and that they might want to go with the aluminum docks to replace the current docks. Larry felt that it was a great idea to get working on those docks in that he felt they were dangerous. He asked that we be proactive about it. Ed mentioned that because it was dry out there now we should get moving on it. There was discussion using the \$10K that was allocated for the walkway. Linda Turner mentioned that there was a hold up on the continuation of the walkway due to the DOT. There was continued discussion regarding getting to work on the dock and to get with Dean for the contractor he used. Ed stated that the dock would consist of the dock with two finger piers. Larry stressed that it was important to do something with the lake down. There was continued discussion regarding the need for urgency. Jim will get with Chris to see if Public Works could go ahead and get working on this project.

#### STATUS OF THE TOWN CENTER WALKWAY EXTENSION

There was discussion regarding the hold up with DOT on the extension of the walkway. Shannon Baldwin was asked to join the meeting. He stated that as of this moment the DOT was working with Alan Moore's attorney on the go ahead of gaining access to that land and the right of way. Shannon mentioned that there were plans of using the underside of the bridge to get traffic to the other side of Memorial, which would be safe for the public. The Town could get the walkway up to Buddy Lane and from there Chimney Rock Village would take over. Shannon discussed that all has to be approved by the DOT. Peter O'Leary and Barbara Meliski from Chimney Rock have been working with them. There was further discussion that they needed to have the plans to the DOT so that they can review them and once the DOT has worked out things with Alan's attorney and they've approved the specs, the walkway can continue. Shannon stated that may take upward of four weeks, however may be longer

There was further discussion regarding looking at working on both the walkway if it is approved and the Pool Creek Docks. Jim will find out from Dean the cost of the two fingered dock. It would not need to be a floating dock. Jessica mentioned that it definitely needed to be done before the lake started taking water again. Since there was such urgency to the pier project, it was discussed that the Board communicate through email. Jessica also mentioned that the aluminum might not be ideal due to the heat it transfers to bare feet. There was mention of a product that is used to build piers. Jim will also get with Jonathan Hinkle in regards to the pier project.

#### STATUS OF BANK STABILIZATION WORK IN MORSE PARK POND THIS WINTER

Melodie handed out information regarding a product called SOXX, by Filtrex. It lies across the area needing stabilized and as it decays, it stabilizes the bank. Melodie explained the RipRap gets pushed as the waves hit it, where as the SOXX absorb the water assisting in the decay process. There was discussion of using volunteers to put the SOXX down and that since the lake was down it needed to be done during this time. Melodie would get the pricing information to Jim and give him a per foot cost. Melodie also mentioned about getting some metal fencing over the pipes where the carps get into the pond. Ed mentioned they may need to check with the LAB. Larry asked if this was something that also needed to be done with the lake down. Melodie and Ed agreed that it did. There was further



discussion about getting volunteers to assist with the laying down of the SOXX. There was an agreement that it would get done this winter, and Melodie agreed yes, especially the south side.

#### STATUS OF WORK ON PARKLAND MAINTENANCE PUNCH LIST

Ed gave Melodie an updated punch list. Melodie mentioned that she and Tony are not putting down any more rock dust until the stabilization project is complete. The new Maples will be in soon. Melodie also mentioned that Jonathan never got with her about shoot a line for drainage piping.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING DONALD ROSS TRAIL AND LLCA CONSTRUCTION

There was discussion regarding the picnic shelter on the Donald Ross Trail. Ed was not happy with the location where it was dropped.

Ed mentioned that there would be a meeting next Wednesday at 2pm to discuss pre construction on the drainage line through the Donald Ross Trails. There was discussion regarding the trails and that Ed had assurances from Russ Pitts that they would return the trails to the way they were once the project is complete.

Ed discussed that the Picnic Shelter was to be moved to the Meadow area, but that there was no discussion about where they were they ended up moving it to. Larry suggests better communication between the project coordinators and the Board. There was agreement to just work with where the shelter was now at. Ed discussed that three trails were now basically cut off. Larry discussed that it seemed that there was a lot of impact on the trails due to the construction and Ed agreed. The Ridge Trail is still there, but the lower part is now a part of the school site. The Huckleberry Trail and Red Maple Trail have all been cleared for the school. Melodie asked if after construction was over, if the trail could come back down and go along the edge of the woods. Ed said that it could but that it could but it wouldn't be a good view. He was looking at the top where it could cross and there were beautiful view up there looking out over the gorge area.

Ed mentioned that Russ Pitts has offered to replace the trails. Larry said that it was very good for him to offer that. Jim said that they needed to make sure that Russ knew that the Board accepted his offer.

Ed and Melodie discussed an area where there was some drainage issues and Melodie thought that there was a spring since the soil stayed wet. There was discussion on how to get drainage to that area. They would look at this further.

Ed Dittmer adjourned the meeting at 2:29pm

Minutes were taken by Kat Canant, Town Liaison

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm



