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Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
July 2, 2015 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:38pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Linda Turner

Dale Minick

Vic Knight

Board Members absent:

Martyn Watts

Larry Czajkoski

Town Officials present:

Environmental Manager Clint Calhoun

Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter

Others present:

Guest Dana Bradley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the July 2, 2015 meeting was reviewed.

A motion was made by Linda Turner to accept the Agenda; seconded by Ed Dittmer; all were in favor.

The minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Linda Turner to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Ed Dittmer; all were in favor.**

Geese Mitigation

There was discussion regarding the smaller number of geese this year. Linda mentioned in the pond, with the swan at the resort, there are about 30. There were around 80 in the beach/lake area. Ed mentioned that the resort needed to become actively involved to help with the control.



Clint mentioned that the water samples have been very good. Counts are down considerably from last year. It may be contributed to the aerators. There have been no numbers in the yellow or red.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge and Town of Lake Lure – Village of Chimney Rock Road connector walkway

The annual Friends meeting was on June 21st and was very uplifting. There were donations made and tee-shirts purchased. There was mention of new items that were added to the garden, such as a painted barn yard quilt square. There was mention of having a few added to the tennis court area. Melodie will check up on these. There was discussion about the great ratings the bridge has received. Linda updated to the Board that the Flowering Bridge did not get picked for the Equestrian funds. There is no new progress on the connector. Dale discussed possible locations for the idea of the flowering bridge to expand in town. There was discussion about how stretched out volunteering is on the current bridge. Linda said that she would bring up the ideas mentioned. She will also mention the telescope at the next Flowering Bridge meeting.

Donald Ross Park and Trail System

Ed stated that there has not been much change but updated the board with the trails that were cut off as well future trail plans. He updated about how far the school has come in their construction. He has connected the trail by the school up to the loop trail. There is one more small section he will be working on. There are plans to put directional signs out there. There is still discussion that needs to occur with property owners to reroute some trails for better travel as well as travel along the ridgeline. The map at the trailhead will need to be redone as well as the brochure. The picnic grounds have been mulched and it looks good.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course

June was disappointing, about 45 rounds down from last year. But Dale mentioned there have been 49 foot golfers. There have been a number of calls coming in for foot golfing. The course has held up, but some areas are not doing well with the heat. The fairways are doing well. There have been more local folks coming in and coming back as return traffic.

Buffalo Creek Park

Larry was not present to fully update. Dana said that Ed Sutton will be back flagging the trails this month. Melodie talked about Joey Allen working on the trails after July 12. He has given a bid for the picnic areas.

Pool Creek Park

Vic discussed the new docks that went in. They have been heavily used now. Melodie mentioned about making one common location for trash cans as you leave the park, instead being in separate locations. There was discussion regarding trash can areas and how other parks that members have visited have managed their trash in park areas. Trash will now be emptied on Friday morning and Saturday morning as well which will help the trash not build up. Melodie asked for recommendation on picnic tables. Vic mentioned a plastic recycled table. Melodie mentioned using a green for color.

Jim is still working with the Visitor's Center for restroom access. Linda mentioned looking into something she heard about camping. The Board had not heard anything about it. Vic had only heard about camping on the master plan in other areas around the lake and river.



Town Parks and Recreational Punch List

All sidewalks have been cleaned about town center as well as the windows. Ed said the landscape looks lovely around the town center and park. Melodie said they're doing their normal maintenance such as pruning.

New Business

Discussion of Seawall Project

Vic thanked everyone for getting back with him. He mentioned that it has been Bob Cameron who has spearheaded and been pushing to get this plan in gear to take care of the current boardwalk problem and that Shannon had found an old Draper plan that has the plans of a stone seawall around Lake Lure. The plan has merits and adds to the potential of that space. Vic discussed a budget of a little over \$800,000 total, that includes the retaining wall, railing, fill, paving, landscaping, storm drainage, extending out the concrete pavers, paving the parking lot. When they were looking at replacing just the boardwalk they were looking at figures of \$600,000 to \$700,000. Vic said that Bob seemed good with the seawall figures. Vic went over the plans with the Board. There was extended discussion regarding the plans and all it offered.

Linda Turner made a motion for the Park and Recreation Board to recommend to the Town of Lake Lure Town Council, Vic Knight's renderings of the Seawall plan for approval. Jim Walters seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Turner and seconded by Ed Dittmer. The July 2nd meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 2:45pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be by August 6, 2015 at 1:30pm

