



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

December 3, 2015 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:32pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Martyn Watts

Dale Minick

Vic Knight

Board Members absent:

Larry Czajkoski

Linda Turner

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Diane Barrett

Others present:

Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the December 3, 2015 meeting was reviewed.

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

The minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Ed Dittmer to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Martyn Watts; all were in favor.**

Geese Mitigation – Jim Walters

Jim covered with Board Members that he felt the Board was ready to make a recommendation to Council regarding the Geese Mitigation program that had been discussed at the previous meeting. Jim felt that they needed to follow the guidelines set forth by Andy Moore with the Department of



Agriculture. He will run cost estimates for what had been discussed that might need funding and then send this to the town for approval. Ed Dittmer mentioned that the mitigation process needed to begin by March. Jim stated that he would get the recommendation together.

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

Tabled due to the absence of Linda Turner

Donald Ross Park and Trail System – Ed Dittmer

Ed Dittmer stated there was really nothing new. He was waiting on Town Manager Chris Braund to get with him and Dana so they could lay out the route of the new trail. Ed stated that the trails looked good. Martyn Watts mentioned that he had seen plenty of cars in the parking lot over the holiday definite proof that the trail is getting used. There is now a small trail going up by the Mt. Vista Point. Ed said it now gives walkers a loop up there. Ed noted that Dale had helped by cutting some trees down on the golf course in the area which looks really good. Ed said that with the new loop it adds a great view.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Dale Minick

Dale reported to the Board that in November there were 292 golf rounds, 25 below 2014. This brings total golf rounds for the year to 4599, down from 2014's 4854 rounds, however Dale added that if you add in the foot golf rounds to date for 2015 of 262 rounds this would bring the total rounds for 2015 to 4861. Golf is down due to the rain this last month. Last week they got the aeration and top dressing done. They pulled plugs and are building a new chipping green with a practice bunker where the plugs will be spread out. Projects for the winter are to landscape around the new paved parking area. Ed discussed how excited and anticipated he was for the Lake Lure Lodge to continue on its course to grow, noting that it would increase traffic for the golf course. Dale agreed and felt that with the Lodge located right around the corner that he would see increased traffic. There was discussion and agreement that the Lodge would bring in great business to the town.

Buffalo Creek Park – Larry Czajkoski

Tabled due to the absence of Larry Czajkoski

Pool Creek Park – Vic Knight

Jim mentioned that Chris Braund had emailed him regarding the pedestrian bridge and that Lake Lure Tours no longer needed the bridge over Pool Creek. The letter pointed out several key problems with the bridge.

The Board discussed the issues with the bridge and discussed the removal of the bridge. Vic Knight remarked that the bridge was not aesthetically pleasing and that he agreed with the issues Chris had noted. The Board discussed removal of the bridge and using it elsewhere but, given the structural issues, this was not advised. Vic Knight also mentioned that it would not be cost effective to remove the structure and place it in another location.



It was discussed that Lake Lure Tours had plans for a deck behind the beach house which would enlarge their space for functions. There was further discussion and the Board agreed on making a recommendation to have the bridge removed.

A motion for recommendation was made by Dale Minick as follows:

The Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board recommends that the Pool Creek Bridge be slated for removal. We further recommend that once a plan is approved for improvements to the Beach House, during that construction, the bridge be removed at the cost to Lake Lure Tours.

The motion was seconded by Vic Knight and all were in favor.

There was further discussion regarding the parking for Pool Creek Park by the ABC Store. Ed Dittmer mentioned that the Council approved the purchase of the old school strip on Memorial and that the plan was to move the ABC Store there, then rent or sell out the remaining stores. There was also discussion about improvements needed to that building. Once the move is completed, the old ABC location would be available for the town to rent or sell for other business.

Vic discussed that he will re-survey the parcels by the ABC for new purchase. There was discussion about whether the Park & Recreation Board had authority for making recommendations for improvements to this area. Jim stated that he would check to get a definition for where the board can make recommendations around Pool Creek. Jim will also get with Valerie regarding signage.

Morse Park – Jim Walters

Ed asked that Melodie take a look at a hole that's developed in the pathway between the pond and the pavilion. There was discussion regarding the increased rain, Melodie stated up to 5" in this last month. There was discussion about the dredging beginning this spring. Ed mentioned eradicating the Privets. Melodie mentioned there was no need to do this but did also mention that she has seen Kudzu now growing. There was discussion regarding the drainage ditches and what was best to remove the unwanted growth. It was mentioned that Clint felt that burning was not the best way to maintain the ditches. Melodie stated that the Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) liked to germinate when burned, which causes more problems. Martyn stated that the town has spent lots of money to maintain this in the past and he felt that it was best to continue the maintaining. There was discussion about cutting it down once a season and suggestion of weed eating. Martyn suggested formatting a plan. Ed will get with Clint to see what alternative methods should be used instead of burning.

Town Parks and Recreational Punch List – Melodie Potter

Melodie mentioned that she would be working on the Black Willows in the channel this winter. She also mentioned that on the Memorial Walk around the sycamore tree the brick markers are in need of attention. The names are wearing off. There was discussion regarding how to repair and paint the names. There was mention of seeing if an artist at ICC or even the high school could assist. It was mentioned that it would be better to repair the bricks on site rather than remove them and take them in to be repaired. Melodie also felt that moving the bricks to the edge bordering the path, would save them from being worn out so quickly.



Melodie asked if anyone had gone to the Council yet regarding the tables and benches out at Pool Creek. Jim stated that he had not. She also mentioned that she has been busy putting up Christmas lights throughout town.

Town Council Liaison – Diane Barrett

Diane mentioned that this would be her last meeting as the Liaison to the Park and Recreation Board. Her term with the Town Council is ending and her last Town Council meeting will be December 8th. Jim congratulated Diane on a very successful term and thanked her for all of her input and involvement to the Park and Recreation Board. She asked that if a position should become available again on the Board that her name be remembered.

Guests and Visitor Discussion

None

New Business

Jim notified the Board that he would not be able to attend the January meeting due to a prior commitment. He asked Ed to chair the meeting and that if other members were not going to be able to attend that they notify him so that the meeting can either be cancelled or rescheduled.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dale Minick and seconded by Jim Walters. The December 3rd, 2015 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 2:58pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be by January 7th, 2016 at 1:30pm

