



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Special Meeting
February 8, 2016 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the special meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 2:06pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Linda Turner

Martyn Watts

Dale Minick

Vic Knight

Board Members absent:

Larry Czajkoski

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Dana Bradley, Rutherford County AmeriCorps Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the February 8, 2016 special meeting was reviewed.

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

The minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Linda Turner to approve the minutes as ammended; the motion was seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.

Naming Standard or Convention – Jim Walters

Jim, Linda, Steve and Valerie Hoffman met regarding working with Town Council to develop standards for naming/renaming parks and facilities in town. The Board is looking to develop the standards then forward themselves then send to the town for possible adoption. Jim received (today) a policy from a town in Michigan regarding naming/renaming. Jim will forward this to the Board for review before revising to meet Lake Lure's needs. There currently is no policy. Ed mentioned they are looking into this because he previously spoke of renaming the Donald Ross Park. There was discussion regarding the renaming of the Donald Ross Park and Pool Creek Park. Jim will look at the policy in hand, make it relevant to Lake Lure and design a policy. He would like to have the policy ready for March Town Council meeting. Jim will get with Andi to put on the Agenda.

Geese Mitigation – Jim Walters

Jim has a draft of the proposal for geese harassment that he will send out to the Board to approve and then be sent to Council. This will detail the aggressive harassment that will be occurring to help remove the geese. This will all be documented to show efforts in case eradication is needed in the future. Egg oiling has helped and this will be documented. Jim mentioned that the town staff will assist with the harassment during paid time.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Linda Turner

Jim mentioned Chris Braund's recent notice to leave his employment with the Town. There was discussion regarding this. Jim mentioned that Linda had a letter that was sent from Chris to the Flowering Bridge Board.

Martyn mentioned that due to the DOT delay he was wondering about a temporary walkway. Ed explained that the walkway planned was on private property, which is why it involved DOT. Linda brought the board up to date with the development of the west end. Linda shared where the Atrium will be placed. All pavers have been used and they will need more to extend out to Boys Camp Road. They are trying to raise funds and looking for private donations. Linda mentioned the plans and new trails in the garden and the gathering area.

Linda read a memo that Chris Braund wrote to Bill Miller regarding the high electric bills and water bills. There was mention that the LLFB be responsible for these costs. There was in depth discussion about installing energy saving lights and bringing water up from the river for irrigation. The Board suggested to negotiate with the Town while processing these change overs. The Board also discussed the expense for the final pavers and discussed that they were supposed to have come from funds in last year's budget. Jim will check into where it was coded and the funding possibilities for this year.

Linda read Bill Miller's response to the memo and mentioned for the Park and Recreation Board to join them at their next meeting in March. There was further discussion regarding the bridge and who is responsible for what (i.e. bills, maintenance, etc.). Linda will explore the lighting and using the river water.

Donald Ross Park and Trail System – Ed Dittmer

Ed updated the Board on the new trail that he, Dana and three other volunteers worked on. There is now almost ½ mile of new trail along the ridge line. They used the contour lines as the trail begins at the picnic pavilion and loops up around the ridge and back down. He was very happy with the trail and the progress of the park as a whole. He mentioned it is getting used quite a bit. Dana has put the coordinates on her GPS map. Ed will get with Valerie regarding new signage. There was talk about waiting until the renaming of the park. Ed will wait until the renaming issue is solved.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Dale Minick

Dale reviewed with the Board that for the month of January 2016 there were 142 golf rounds and 10 foot golf rounds making the total for January 152 total, just under the 169 in 2015. There was an increase in the price of memberships. They are reaching out to POA's and other groups for memberships. They are looking into getting women's teams together for competition. They are looking at marketing the exercising part of foot golf to promote it. Dale discussed the new chipping green and bunker are seeded and covered. The sod is doing well. The greens are healing and the top dressing is due this month.

Buffalo Creek Park - Ed Dittmer

Ed told the Board that Chris Braund had received a statement from Trail Dynamics regarding the new trail and that there would be no possible way to fit it into their schedule soon. Chris is looking at others and getting bids to complete the trail.

Pool Creek Park – Vic Knight

Vic discussed that he looked at the Beach house and where they were planning on installing a new deck. There was discussion regarding the exact location of the deck. Jim explained where it would be by what his understanding was. They are going to be re-doing the bathrooms and opening them to the public as well as painting that building. The deck should begin by the spring. The bridge is in the process of being removed.

Morse Park – Jim Walters

Previously Ed had discussed with the Board that the crushed rock pathways were not ideal for the park. He got with Rutherford County Outdoors and found out about the Regional Health System Legacy Foundation which has supplied towns/cities with pathways. He mentioned the Railway Pathway that runs through Spindale and Ruth and that the RHSLF had funded the paving. Ed will be getting with Suzy to work on a grant to pave the trail through Morse Park. The Board was very excited about this information.

Town Council Liaison – Stephen Webber

Stephen had nothing further to add.

Guests and Visitor Discussion

None

New Business

There was mention of the Connect NC Bond that is coming up for votes at the NC Primaries. This bond will give funds to the NC State Parks. Additionally, Chimney Rock State Park will be able to add 90 parking spaces to their state park climbing area at Rumbling Bald on Boys Camp Road.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dale Minick and seconded by Linda Turner. The February 8, 2016 special meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 3:44pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be March 3, 2016 at 1:30pm