



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

July 7, 2016 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the July 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:31pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Martyn Watts

Larry Czajkoski

Dale Minick

Linda Turner

Vic Knight

Board Members absent:

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Clint Calhoun, Environmental Manager

Sam Karr, Interim Town Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the July 7, 2016 meeting was reviewed.

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

The minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Martyn Watts to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.

Special Request Item – Private Use of Public Land adjacent to Police Boathouse – Commission Stephen Webber

Commissioner Webber read a statement from Jonathan Hinkle explaining the use of the dumpster site. He stated that he will keep the area clean and he will as soon as possible remove any lumber/materials when they're delivered. He did state that he was not in charge of what the other contractors do.

Commissioner Webber has spoke with Jonathan. There is no agreement regarding the use of the land/dock area. There was discussion between the two regarding Jonathan's use as well as other contractors. Commissioner Webber stressed to Mr. Hinkle that the use was not to "run" a business. Mr. Hinkle was very agreeable. There was further discussion regarding Mr. Hinkle's other options. Commissioner Webber stated that he was very understanding. Commissioner Webber asked if the Board wanted him to give a time frame as to when he needed to have the site cleaned up, meaning no dumpster and no materials on the ground. The Board discussed this. There was discussion about the land by the dam. Commissioner Webber stated that Mr. Hinkle had already attempted use that. Jim Walters thanked Commissioner Webber for taking this task and helping with it. It was discussed that Jonathan could have materials delivered, the boat take it to its destination, but not left at the site.

Linda Turner made a motion to have Commissioner Webber give Jonathan Hinkle 30 days to clean up the site and only to continue using the site as a delivery staging area, not storing of materials, dumpsters, etc. Larry Czajkoski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Special Request Item – Agreement between Rumbling Bald Resort, the State of North Carolina and the Town of Lake Lure concerning purchase by the State of a lot in the Resort for use by the Town as Buffalo Creek Park Trailhead and Parking Area – Larry Czajkoski

Jim Walter stated that we have an opportunity to do something really good, and the cost couldn't be any better. Larry spoke to the Board regarding the property that is owned by Wyndham. Larry brought the Board up to date of the events that have happened over the last several years regarding the trail and the land. Larry had passed out an agreement that several key players drafted between the Resort, the Town and the State. It outlines the proposal, the process and the cost. He had previously presented the agreement to the Resort Board of Directors on June 27th. It gives the Town and State the option to build a trailhead and a parking lot this one acre piece of property that is currently owned by Wyndham that the State is ready to buy. Each piece of property within the RBR resort is typically charged dues and appropriate fees. RBR Resort has agreed to give a credit back in the amount of any dues or fees in consideration of use of and access to BCP and in consideration to advertise with signs on the piece of property in question. There was further discussion regarding the agreement. Larry's recommendation is for the Board to approve this agreement and then take it to the Council. Commissioner Webber stated he has already put it on the Agenda as a presentation. He stated that they will review it fully. There was discussion that Chris Callahan will review same and that he needed to have it completed by the August Town Council meeting. There was discussion about the maintenance, details and design that would be decided down the road. There was further discussion regarding the process of delivery to the Town Council of the agreement.

There was further discussion of signage and storage. Martyn suggested that the Board move to approve the agreement as is and as the time comes, deal with the needs and concerns one by one.

Martyn Watts made a motion to approve the aforementioned agreement concerning the agreement between Rumbling Bald Resort, The State of North Carolina and the Town of Lake Lure concerning the purchase of property to be used as the Trailhead and Parking area. The motion was seconded by Linda Turner and all were in favor.

Commissioner Webber stated that he will then take the agreement before the Town Council at the August meeting after reviewed by Chris Callahan. Larry thanked both Shannon Baldwin and acting Town Manager Sam Karr for getting the agreement to a point of where an agreement could be drafted. Martyn Watts suggested sending the Resort Board a letter thanking them for all their attention to getting this agreement together. Larry suggested waiting until Council approves and perhaps Council and the Board can jointly write an appreciation. The Board agreed.

Sam Karr has delivered the 40 page RBR ACC Rules & Regulations document to the town attorney, as it is an attachment to the agreement. Larry asked Commissioner Webber if there was anyone else they needed to send that to and he said that there wasn't.

Special Agenda Item – Pool Creek Park formal name discussion – Jim Walters

Jim reviewed the park and the use of the park. There was discussion regarding this. Jim suggested using the name Pool Creek Picnic Park. The Board liked this idea and agreed that the park was being used as a picnic area now. Jim wanted to make a motion to take to Council to formally name the park, Pool Creek Picnic Park.

Jim Walters made a motion that the current Pool Creek Park, be named Pool Creek Picnic Park. Linda Turner seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jim will send a memo to Council regarding same.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Linda Turner

Commissioner Webber mentioned several meetings he had recently. He stated that the Council had allocated monies for the pump system for the water, but he understands now that it is not the most feasible solution, nor what Wayne Hyatt recommends, who is very familiar with the situation. So the water will be left as is serviced through the town water. The Flowering Bridge wanted an extra, separate utility pole which will be placed next week and it has been paid for through the budget. Commissioner Webber felt that the town should pay for the utilities used by the Flowering Bridge. He also felt that the Parks and Recreation Board should have administrative oversight of the Flowering Bridge. Commissioner Webber will draw an agreement concerning this. The Flowering Bridge would present their budget needs to the Park and Recreation Board yearly. Commissioner Webber would like to see a permanent seat on the Park and Recreation Board to represent the Flowering Bridge. This person would be a representative. Linda asked if that should be the same for the Golf Course. Commissioner Webber explained why that would not be the same situation. There was discussion regarding same and that the 501C3 separates the Flowering Bridge to be operated differently. Discussion followed. Commissioner Webber spoke of the Preservation Fund and that it was \$72,500, which the Flowering Bridge Board has been paying back part of what they borrowed to set that up. There was a discussion about the definition of "preservation". Commission Webber stated that the agreement with the state was for the preservation of the bridge, not an "entity" on the bridge. Linda

mentioned it's all in the definition of "preservation". Linda stated that Bill Miller was the one that wrote that agreement with the State and she's not sure there was any definition regarding "preservation". Commissioner Webber said that he was not opposed to voting to forgive part of that debt if that is the way it should be about the preservation terms. There was discussion about all that has been done to preserve the bridge itself and that the preservation fund should have paid for the milling of the bridge. Commissioner Webber felt that the milling should be considered preservation but not the flowers. He also compared the electricity and water and that it was not necessarily for the preservation of the "bridge". There was an agreement to see what the definition was for the term preservation.

There was a brief discussion regarding the replacement of the dam bridge and a possible relocation of a bridge.

Linda asked Jim to see if there were any extra funds to help out with the paving. There was further discussion regarding the donation box and how to make it waterproof.

Dittmer – Watts Park and Trail System

Ed mentioned that Clint has finalized the map and sent the digital form to Valerie. She'll get those together for the new maps. Ed said the trails have been getting a lot of use. The current signage is confusing for the current trails. Clint suggested having a QR code generator to scan so people could take the scanned map with them on their phones. The Board liked this idea. Ed said signs should be up by the end of the summer.

There was discussion regarding firearms in the park and signage and that Valerie would be changing these signs.

Commissioner Webber stated that at a Council meeting it was decided that process for signage would be handled as when a board, such as the Park and Recreation Board needs a sign, they'll decide what they need and what it needs to say, then it will go through Community Development to make sure it's consistent with the town plans, then once it gets approved, then to Valerie for branding. There was discussion regarding the signs in the park areas and around town.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Dale Minick

Dale reviewed numbers for June with the Board through a handout.

The Golf Course hosted the Chamber Recharge in June. Dale mentioned it was so packed that the parking lot was full. Jim said the event was perfect. There was discussion regarding the rain and the greens. Dale stated he has not run the irrigation system much. There was discussion regarding golf magazines and articles. Dale discussed a couple of leaks that had to be addressed from the old well. There was a discussion regarding vendors that will come to our area during holidays and after hours.

Buffalo Creek Park and Trail to Eagle Rock – Larry Czajkoski

Progress is coming along well. There is 1.8 of the 2 miles to be completed. The terrain is challenging. If they stay on CMLC terrain in this one particular area, the terrain is very rough going, so they're looking at going up just for ¼ mile onto Gray Rock POA property, then return back to the CMLC

property. They will be approaching Gray Rock regarding easement access, which they believe Gray Rock will be fine with and they'll be voting on it this month at the POA meeting.

Pool Creek Park – Vic Knight

Vic updated the Board about the Berm area. Melodie and Vic met over there and came up with a landscape plan. They've made a place for the signs on the berm as well. Vic discussed the plants that will be used in that area.

There was brief discussion brought up by Commissioner Webber regarding the Dittmer-Watts trail regarding easement. Ed mentioned that it had not been followed through with. There was discussion regarding getting this taken care of. Commissioner Webber will be looking into it.

Dana Bradley, who has been the trail coordinator for the County and Town, will be leaving and they are looking for a replacement for her. Accolades were spoken for the great job she's done. There was a discussion regarding the Town giving her a commendation. Ed stated that he would draft that up and get it to the Town Council.

Martyn Watts mentioned that the traffic at the July fireworks was a mess. There was discussion regarding this. Sam Karr mentioned a meeting that will be held to discuss the issues and solutions.

There was discussion regarding the fence around the park. There was discussion regarding the safety. Martyn remarked turning it upside down. Jim mentioned taking the metal part off and leave the bottom. There was further discussion. Vic explained how the berm should be brought further down so it wouldn't allow vehicles to come into the picnic area. Linda felt this was a good idea. There was further discussion regarding this.

Morse Park – Jim Walters

Jim mentioned he is working with Suzy on getting the grant. He discussed that they've broken the paving sections down into 4 sections. He discussed the sections with the Board. He said it was not feasible to rip out the metal guides. In order to do decent asphalt it has to be 8 feet wide. There are plants that would need to come out. Jim then mentioned the other 3 sections. In the grant they will be leaving the final section off to make the grant more attainable. There was discussion regarding the paving of the 3 sections. Jim felt that things looked good with the grant. He really like expanding the feel of the park in that bikers, strollers, etc., will be able to work their way around that trail now. The paving discussion was favorably received with the Board. The grant request total is \$48,000. There was discussion of paving contractors by Commissioner Webber.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Turner and seconded by Dale Minick and all were in favor. The July 7, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 3:27 pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be August 4, 2016 at 1:30pm