



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

August 4, 2016 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the August 4, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:32pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters
Ed Dittmer
Linda Turner
Martyn Watts
Larry Czajkoski
Dale Minick

Board Members absent:

Vic Knight

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber
Town of Lake Lure Town Manager Ron Nalley

Others present:

Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter
ROC Trail Coordinator Dana Bradley
Communications Coordinator Valarie Hoffman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the August 4, 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 July 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

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

Special Request Item-Discussion regarding status of agreement between The State of North Carolina and the Town of Lake Lure to facilitate the purchase by the state of a parcel of land from the resort and in turn transfer the ownership of it to the town

The Resort and the Town have agreed in principle with the conditions of the agreement, and Larry will present it to Eric Moore of the state for approval at that level. Formal agreement is expected by the end of August.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Linda Turner

Linda Turner reported on the status of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, and Commissioner Webber discussed the fact that The Town of Lake Lure was going to continue to pay for water and electrical utilities associated with the bridge. A vote on funding for the pathways was deferred until later in the meeting.

Other Business – Valerie Hoffman

Valerie Hoffman presented an initiative sponsored by the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority, which will allow The Town of Lake Lure to accept a Visitor Information Network (VIN) Visitor Information Stand from the county for installation in Lake Lure. **Linda Turner made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that the town accept the stand. Ed Dittmer seconded the motion, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.** Further discussion ensued regarding the placement of the stand in Morse Park near the Visitors Center, the finishing appearance of the frame, and the feasibility of erecting at least two more, one in the vicinity of Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park and Ingles Supermarket, and the other proximate to Buffalo Creek Park.

Dittmer-Watts Park and Trail System – Ed Dittmer

Ed Dittmer discussed the re-signage of the entire Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park, to reflect its new name as well as the extensive reconfiguration of the trails subsequent to the building of Lake Lure Classical Academy adjacent to the park. Valerie Hoffman continues to work on the design of the new signage, and Ed recommended that we hire a stump grinder to grind stumps and large roots from the trail. **Martyn Watts made a motion that \$2,500 be allocated for pathway work at the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, and that \$1,000 be allocated for stump grinding. Linda Turner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the board.** Ed further discussed that the trails will be used by the Cross Country Teams from Lake Lure Classical Academy for training as well as formal interscholastic cross county meets.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Dale Minick

Dale Minick presented the July 2016 Lake Lure Golf Club Report. Participation in both golf and Footgolf positive in all categories – monthly compared to June 2016 and July 2015, and year-to-date to July 2015. The hot, wet weather has presented maintenance challenges, although steady progress is occurring. The shop is doing well, with apparel and cigars popular among local golfers and visitors. The 2016 Lake Lure Golf Club Championship will be contested over the first weekend of October. Proceeds – after prizes – will be designated to improving the bunkers on the course.

Buffalo Creek Park and the Trail to Eagle Rock – Larry Czajkoski

Larry Czajkoski reported on the progress of the trail from Buffalo Creek Park to Eagle Rock. The trail work which has been accomplished thus far has been very difficult, with about one and one-half of

seven miles completed. Peter Barr, the Trail Construction Manager for Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, remains optimistic that the trail will be completed as scheduled by December 31, 2016.

Pool Creek Picnic Park – Melodie Potter

Melodie Potter indicated that planting in the newly created “berm” at Pool Creek Picnic Park will be accomplished in the cooler weather of autumn.

Morse Park – Jim Walters

Jim Walters reported that the grant application to fund surfacing of the trails in Morse Park has been submitted by Suzie Smoyer to RHI Legacy Foundation, Incorporated in Rutherfordton.

Other Business

Commissioner Webber discussed continuing to work with building contractors to remove trash dumpsters adjacent to the town docks which are proximate to Pool Creek Picnic Park and the parking lot between the park and the ABC Store.

Jim Walters asked all board members to begin to consider future Capital Improvement Projects to allow us to collect estimates for construction and to be able to prioritize them and include them in future budget request to Town Council.

Adjournment

Jim Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Dittmer moved to adjourn, Dale Minick seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm

This set of minutes is an abbreviated summary of the meeting held on August 4, 2016. Recording issues caused an inaudible recording.