



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

September 1, 2016 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the September 1, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:40pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Linda Turner

Dale Minick

Board Members absent:

Vic Knight

Martyn Watts

Larry Czajkoski

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter

ROC Trail Coordinator Dana Bradley

Clint Calhoun, Environmental Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the September 1, 2016 meeting was reviewed. Request was made to add a Special Request Item regarding Camping in Town Parks and Trails. The request will be first on the Agenda **A motion was made to accept the agenda with the change by Ed Dittmer; and seconded by Linda Turner; all were in favor.**

The minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

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

Special Request – Regarding Camping in Town Parks and Trails

Jim Walters discussed recent remarks about campers in the park areas in town. He commented on prohibiting camping in all town parks with the exception of the Trail to Eagle Park which will be used as camping since the trail out and back is 14 miles, as well as an exception where an event may need to use an area for overnight camping in which it would have to be approved individually by Town Council. Melodie mentioned that Town Manager Ron Nalley was working on an ordinance to take to Town Council restricting camping in town parks/trails and would require Town Council to waive any overnight use of a park to camp for an event. Stephen Webber mentioned that this would go to council at the September 13th meeting. There was discussion about putting picnic tables along the riverside in Morse Park by the parking area. Stephen asked if there was money for the tables. Melodie will find out the cost for the tables, trash receptacles, pad and shelter covering.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Linda Turner

Linda Turner reported that the LLFB board will meet Monday to finalize numbers to determine how much LLFB will repay the Preservation Fund. They will then take these findings to council.

Dittmer-Watts Park and Trail System – Ed Dittmer

Ed Dittmer discussed stumps that have been removed as well as trees in other areas. There is still some work to be done such as cutting trees with chain saws. Back Fill is still needed. He and Jim had a meeting with Valerie Hoffman regarding the signs, 2 of which have been completed and they look really nice. They are working on a Trail Map to be placed at the Trail Head for folks to use showing the new trails. There is a Cross Country Meet next week that LLCA will be hosting. The runners will use the trails as well as part of the golf course cart path. Ed also discussed an area that the Fire Department was going to use on the Dogwood Trail to provide a training class with a controlled burn.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Dale Minick

Dale Minick discussed the greens and how they've suffered from being rain saturated then the intense heat. They are working at treating these areas. Golf has been down just a bit from last year but foot golf has helped keep it close to last year's numbers. Dale stated that they are working on the bunkers.

Buffalo Creek Park and the Trail to Eagle Rock – Jim Walters

In Larry's absence, Jim covered bullet-points that Larry emailed him. They pertained to Weed Patch Mountain Trail (Buffalo Creek Park to Eagle Rock). There is now 3.5 miles of constructed trail on the ground. Construction pace has increased dramatically with an expected 0.25 mile completed per week. They should reach Grey Rock Overlook around Labor Day. The Grey Rock Community Association has completed legal donation of trail easement on their common land for use of two short trail segments. The trail layout and design work is ongoing beyond the Grey Rock toward Eagle Rock. There were photos passed around to Board Members showing the trail. Dana Bradley mentioned that the trail looks really very nice and is in good shape.

Pool Creek Picnic Park – Jim Walters

Melodie Potter mentioned signs that will be made, the size and where they will be placed. One will be placed on the middle berm and the other by where the public enters the park. There was discussion

about a sign to point the public to the park by the creek by the bank. Landscape for the berm will continue when the weather gets cooler.

Morse Park – Jim Walters

Jim Walters mentioned the progress of the grant app to the Rutherford Legacy Foundation. He mentioned that he heard that there was possibly favorable consideration for the submitted grant. He was encouraged and they should be announcing those who are awarded the grant in mid-September. Melodie mentioned that the grounds were very clean after Dirty Dancing.

Other Business

Stephen Webber discussed comments he heard after the Dirty Dancing Festival in that there were not sufficient port-a-johns available and/or that people didn't want to use them. There was discussion regarding a public restroom facility. Clint discussed the flood plain specifications and the type of engineering required. Commissioner Webber also mentioned that he had spoken with Jonathan Hinkle and the dumpsters by the police boat house have been moved. The Board was still questioning the new location of the dumpsters and that they were not pleased with the new location either.

Melodie Potter will be removing the Bradford Pear trees next week. Stephen Webber mentioned the Crepe Myrtles in front of the Town Hall and that the limbs are low. Melodie said she would trim them.

Clint Calhoun mentioned that the NC Lake Management's Fall Workshop will be held in Lake Lure this year September 27th and 28th. Clint also mentioned that the lake is not looking good due to the heat. He stated there is a lot of algae and dissolved O₂. He did mention that where the air purifiers are by the beach, the water is doing well.

Stephen Webber told the board that they town may lower the lake December 1, 8ft for repairs to the dam. Council will make their decision at the September meeting. He also stated that even though it may be lowered this year, the lowering for next year will still stay on schedule.

Dana Bradley mentioned that her replacement will begin training. Her name is Hallie Zeedik. Dana mentioned that she has enjoyed working with the P&R Board and the Town.

Adjournment

Jim Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Turner moved to adjourn, Ed Dittmer seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm

**Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant
The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will by November 3, 2016 at 1:30pm**

