



## **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting**

### **December 1, 2016 Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the December 1, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:33pm

#### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Martyn Watts

Larry Czajkoski

Ed Dittmer

Linda Turner

Dale Minick

Board Members absent:

Town Officials present:

Others present:

Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Representative Andi Ogle

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

The agenda for the December 1, 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 November 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Linda Turners to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Ed Dittmer; all were in favor.**

#### **Acknowledgement of the Distinguished Service of Board Member Linda Turner**

Jim Walters formally thanked Linda Turner for her many years of service on the Park & Recreation Board, both before she became a Councilwoman and after. He voiced accolades of the work she's done while on the Board and exclaimed how much the Board would miss her. Linda thanked the Board for allowing her service and told of how she enjoyed her time serving.

### **Special Agenda Items #2 and #3 on the Agenda**

The Special Agenda Items: Guidelines for Attendance of Board Members at Board Meetings and Consideration of Conflicts of Interest of Board Members was deferred due to the information that another board is currently working on these two items. Jim Walters suggested that he ask Town Manager Ron Nalley to add Martyn Watts to this Board. Martyn agreed with the suggestion.

There was discussion at this time of the document that Ron Nalley wanted the Board to work on dealing with the Laws and Bi-Laws of the Town's Parks. Jim mentioned that he would get a rough draft together and email this out so that at the next meeting they can target two or three at a time for discussion and format. There was further discussion of areas in the town that fell under the Parks and Recreation.

### **Discussion of Capital Improvement Projects – Morse Park Pavilion**

Jim Walters thanked Larry Czajkoski for the drawings of the Pavilion that was built at the Resort. The drawings consisted of the Pavilion and Restroom area. There was agreement that the Board would look at these and move in the direction of planning on same in Morse Park.

### **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge**

Linda Turner reported that November was very low with donations after the record breaking October. It was discussed that the Party Rock Fire most likely had a great deal to do with the low donations. Linda mentioned Bill Miller will be moving and the LLFB Board will be in the process of electing a new Chairman. The new Atrium is almost finished and was on the front page of the local newspaper. Linda, once the LLFB Board approves the repayment plan for the Preservation Fund, she will bring it to the Park and Recreation Board.

### **Dittmer-Watts Park and Trail System**

Ed Dittmer said there was not much to report other than that there are still no signs. There was a discussion regarding the length of time it's taking to get the signs. The Board felt it best to get an inventory together of signs that have been requested and to ask Town Manager Ron Nalley to be a go-between with Valerie and the Board on expediting the signs in a timely manner. The Board was understanding that Valerie had been very involved with the media side of the Party Rock Fire but they wanted to make sure that the signs get taken care of.

### **Lake Lure Public Golf Course**

Dale Minick handed out to the Board both the October and November reports. October yearly totals were ahead of last year with 2016 showing 4619 versus 2015 with 4307. The heat and lack of rain in October was making for a difficult summer/fall. The 2017 renewal letters were sent out. The second entrance to the course has been paved and the culvert pipe was replaced. November's numbers, while it was slow due to the town being shut down due to the Party Rock Fire, the total golf rounds this year were at 4889 versus 2015 at 4599. The left bunker on No 3 has been completed and work will begin on the right hand bunker. The greens have continued to improve and they are preparing for the dropping of the lake, which will cut off the irrigation supply. As the lake refills in spring they will schedule another aerification along with sand topdressing.

### **Buffalo Creek Park and the Trail to Eagle Rock**

Larry Czajkoski brought the board up to date on the trail extension, which was about the same as the last meeting. The Party Rock Fire left the trail with fallen trees. The trail head was not disturbed. This will delay the completing of the trail two to three months. It will not impact the budget dramatically and they are still planning the opening in springtime.

The Buffalo Creek proper experienced extensive damage. The switchbacks were bulldozed over by the Forestry Division in an effort to stop the fire at that containment line. Larry is worried about erosion issues. CMLC will do an estimate on damage and cost to repair. This should be in hand in one to two weeks. Clint Calhoun will estimate the erosion issues.

Larry is concerned about users of the trail switchbacks.

**Larry Czajkoski is recommending that the trail be closed at the switchbacks, closing ½ of the loop up to the Spur. Closing this area immediately will cease traffic on it and allow assessment of the damage and cost to repair. Linda Turner seconded the recommendation and the Board was in full agreement and all in favor.**

There was further discussion regarding seeking funds from FEMA for this incident damage that occurred due to the Party Rock Fire which through the town of Lake Lure into an Emergency State and was declared such by the Mayor. FEMA may be able to assist due to this. Larry will get the comprehensive report including the recommendations and get them to the Board.

Larry continued in bringing the Board up to date with the parking lot agreement which he stated he was still waiting on the State. The Weed Patch Mountain grant is moving along and the paperwork is expected by the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2017. This would hopefully be in line with the same opening of the Trail to Eagle Rock and the opening could coincide with each other. There was further discussion regarding this.

### **Pool Creek Park**

Andi Ogle mentioned that she and Melodie will be removing the upper part of the mulch pile to make it look more like a flower/plant bed.

Martyn Watts brought up a discussion regarding contractors using the area by the Police Boat House. It was discussed that Commissioner Webber was overseeing the issue. While it seemed to get better it has now grown worse. There was discussion that contractors should not expect the town to supply any area of town property for the contractor to store their dumpsters, boats, supplies and workers vehicles and overall construction garbage. There was an in depth discussion of this issue.

**Martyn Watts made a recommendation for the Board to know the status of the building contractors using the Pool Creek Park and Police Boat House and furthermore made recommendation for the activity to cease and be cleaned up. Ed Dittmer seconded the recommendation and the Board was all in favor.**

There was additional discussion about using that area for egress to egress only. There was discussion regarding the Pirate Boat Tours and questioning if they had a commercial permit. There was a discussion regarding commercial fees for boat tours that were not putting any of that income back into the town.

### **Morse Park**

Jim Walters discussed that Morse Park and the Meadows area looked remarkably great considering the Incident Command center for the Party Rock Fire was using it for the past several weeks. Andi Ogle noted that the meadow had already been aeriated by the Forestry Division. There was a discussion that the park and meadow looked untouched. Andi stated that she was very surprised that every bit of garbage and evidence of them being there, wasn't there. The Board formally commended the Forestry Division and Firefighters for the caretaking of Morse Park.

Andi Ogle mentioned that the roses had been planted by the Tennis Courts and the trees that needed removing have be removed. She mentioned that Melodie is currently seeking bids for the paving in Morse Park.

### **New Business**

Jim Walters mentioned an event to the Board that will be on Sunday at 2:30pm in the Meadows of Morse Park. It is the making of a short video with those from the community thanking the firefighters and forestry division for their service during the Party Rock Fire.

### **Adjournment**

**Jim Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Dittmer made a motion to adjourn, Linda Turner seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:06pm**

**Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant**

**The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will by January 5, 2017 at 1:30pm**