



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

January 5, 2017 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the January 5, 2017 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:33pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters
Larry Czajkoski
Ed Dittmer
Diane Barrett
Dale Minick
Bill Massey

Board Members absent:

Martyn Watts

Town Officials present:

Ron Nalley

Others present:

Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter
Environmental Manager Clint Calhoun
Guest Dan Breneman
Dana Bradley, Rutherford County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the January 5, 2017 meeting was reviewed. Jim asked that two items be added to the Agenda prior to the Minutes approval. **A motion was made to accept the agenda by Larry Czajkoski with the addition; and seconded by Diane Barrett; all were in favor.**

Welcome to new Members Diane Barrett and Bill Massey

Jim Walters introduced both members and welcomed them to the Board

Reappointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman to the Parks & Recreation Board.

After a brief announcement from Chairman Jim Walters, he told the Board that both he and Ed Dittmer were seeking reappointment. **Larry Czajkoski made a motion to accept both Chairman Jim Walters and Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer to remain in their positions for the next term. The motion was seconded by Diane Barrett, and all were in favor.**

The minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Ed Dittmer to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Larry Czajkoski; all were in favor.**

Special Agenda Items – Guest Dan Breneman

Mr. Breneman discussed bringing two new events to town. One being the Gus Macker Basketball Tournaments and the other an Antique Outboard Motorboat Club. Mr. Breneman discussed the history with the Board and gave them statistics as to the amount of traffic it could bring to a community. Last year one was held in Huntersville NC which brought in 2600 participants. There were 32,000 participants overall for the year in various locations. Mr. Breneman explained that the organization can set up courts where there may not be any. There was discussion regarding the idea. Ed Dittmer brought up how much work it takes to run the Olympiad and was concerned if the community could host another large event. It was brought up to approach the school or the Chamber with this idea. Clint Calhoun, a school board member will get with Mr. Breneman to plan a meeting. There was concern about the town being able to handle the large traffic and the Board discussed the July 4th issue from 2016. It was agreed that the school location would be ideal as it would keep traffic away from the lake area. Mr. Breneman also suggested an Antique Outboard Motorboat Club which is a national club with a North Carolina Chapter. Clint suggested Mr. Breneman speak to Dean, Lake Operations Director as events like this have gone through him in the past.

Pickleball Court configuration at Morse Park –

Jim Walters explained that Steve Webber was scheduled to discuss this topic however he was absent due to an illness. Bill Massey discussed the need for the courts as Pickleball is a growing sport especially here in Lake Lure. Melodie had a price to resurface the tennis courts which was very expensive. There was further discussion regarding getting a price for the town to build a separate court specifically for Pickleball. Jim Walters will check into resurfacing the tennis courts, building a court or possibly something on the golf courts.

Discussion of Capital Improvement Projects –

The Board discussed the Morse Park Picnic Pavilion. Town Manager Ron Nalley reviewed the CIP worksheets that were handed out and the process of filling them out. Anything over 5K would need a worksheet. Larry stated that he had handed in the cost sheet for the Pavilion and Restrooms for Morse Park.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail – Ed Dittmer

Ed stated that the signs are in the process of making their way to the trails. Melodie stated that the tri-sign was in and had been delivered. Valarie was working on the other trail signs and they should be ready by the end of this month. Ed explained to the board how the moving of the fencing by the school and new signs will assist the police and school in keeping trespassers off the school property when they're hiking the trails.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Dale Minick

Dale reviewed numbers with the Board and stated that there were 230 rounds played December of 2016 vs 186 for 2015. There were a total of 5685 people on the course during 2016. As far as maintenance, trenches have been dug. Sand will be going in. Membership wise, almost all from 2016 renewed membership for 2017.

Buffalo Creek Park and the Trail to Eagle Rock, including discussion of mitigations of Party Rock Fire Damage – Larry Czajkoski

Larry went over the progress of the trail and that 5.5 miles has been completed. The project had been delayed due to the Party Rock Fire. The one year extension on the grant for the completion was approved, however Larry did not feel it would take that long. There was extreme damage to the eastern side. Larry distributed to the Board recommendations for reconstruction. Peter Barr obtained two estimates, one was 19K and the other \$15,400. The Board discussed the bids and the construction crews. Larry mentioned that the second bid was given by the crew who is currently working on the extension and felt that it may be months before they could get to the repairs needed. Trail Dynamics was the higher bid but the Board felt that because of past positive history with the trails, and that they could get to the repair work within days they felt that the higher bid may be best. Ed asked if FEMA funds may be available. Ed asked if the idea then was to go ahead with the repairs and have the town do the appropriations then reimburse the town when the funds come in. There was discussion regarding the funding and that Ron Morgan had discussed with Ron Nalley that there may be help from the Forestry Service by filing an insurance claim for the eastern side. Clint mentioned asking if the Forestry Service could actually do the repair. There was discussion regarding why the Forestry Service constructed two containment lines. It was explained that the fire passed the first and that it was indeed the second line that contained the fire and stopped it from going into the Resort. It was stated that the Forestry Service made a valuable decision.

A motion was made by Larry Czajkoski for the Parks & Recreation Board to make a recommendation to Town Council to hire Ed Sutton and Trail Dynamics for \$19,000 to reconstruct, rehabilitate and shore up erosion control. Dale Minick seconded the motion and all were in favor.

There was discussion making sure Clint coordinated with Valarie on signage for changes, one in each parking lot. Clint and Hallie have put up barricades.

There was additional discussion concerning the counter device that the previous Town Manager Chris Braund had been maintaining by getting the counter number. Clint suggested that Hallie could get these numbers as she is out on the trail. Larry will ask Hallie if she can do this.

There was also a discussion to get the cost of the parking area Trail Head on the CIP. Larry stated that it was owned by the State. Ron Nalley wished for it to just be on a CIP worksheet just to have numbers to get plugged in. Larry will take care of getting this worksheet in.

Jim reviewed the motion for Trail Dynamics and making sure it gets on the Agenda for the Town Council Meeting. Larry suggested including a copy of the Trail Dynamics work to be done.

Pool Creek Picnic Park –

Jim took this time to reassign areas to the new Board Members. Diane Barrett will take on reporting the Pool Creek Picnic Park and Bill Massey will report on the Flowering Bridge.

Ed mentioned that the dumpster had been removed and the area looked cleaned up. It was discussed to keep an eye on the area after the lake is refilled.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge –

Nothing to Report

Morse Park – Including Paving and Bids to fulfill Grant requirements – Jim Walters and Melodie Potter

A CIP worksheet has been done for the Pavilion and restrooms. Melodie inquired if she needed to get three bids. Ron Nalley agreed. There was discussion regarding the building of new restrooms. Larry mentioned that the Pavilion was \$60K and the Restroom facility was \$65K. There was a suggestion to put the restroom facility on the SW side of the Berm. Melodie mentioned that even during large events Port-A-Johns would still be necessary and the sponsors should be responsible for that cost. Melodie has quotes and bids to replace all of the town's trash receptacles at a cost of \$20K. It was discussed that she do several a year instead of all at once. There was a discussion on the cost of containers that were bear proof and those with heavy metal lids. Melodie will call and get quotes. Melodie also stated that there was not a large concern with bears as there was with vultures and crows. There was also a discussion regarding trash can placements in the parks.

Melodie updated the Board that she and Andi have been taking down Christmas decorations. Ed Dittmer stated he had two more trees, one on Dogwood Trail and one on Piney Ridge trail at Creekside Trail that needed removed. Clint suggested a controlled burn in that area and to have the Forestry Service do that.

Melodie inquired about the Boardwalk for the CIP. Jim stated that that would be a part of the park systems. There was a discussion regarding an Amphitheatre and other public venues.

Public Works is putting in a culvert at Morse Park from the lagoon to the pond. Melodie is going to be dipping out the lagoon area along the sides.

Discussion of the “Laws and Regulations of the Parks & Recreational Facilities” – Jim Walters Jim asked for a couple of more weeks on this project as he is finding he needs to be in depth with all the parks in town and their needs for regulations. He will bring the work to the Board then take it to the Council.

Adjournment

Jim Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Barrett made a motion to adjourn, Larry Czajkoski seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:17pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be by February 2, 2017 at 1:30pm