



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

### **May 4, 2017 Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the May 4, 2017 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:35pm

#### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Dale Minick

Martyn Watts

Bill Massey

Diane Barrett

Board Members absent:

Larry Czajkoski

Town Officials present:

Town Manager Ron Nalley

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

ROC Trail Coordinator Hallie Zeedik

Town of Lake Lure Liaison – Clint Calhoun

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Melodie Potter

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

The Agenda for the May 4, 2017 meeting was reviewed. **A motion was made to accept the agenda by Bill Massey; and seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Bill Massey to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Ed Dittmer; all were in favor.**

## **PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **Geese Mitigation -**

Ed Dittmer brought the Board up to date on the egg oiling process for 2017. There were 84 eggs oiled and 14 nest were found. Ed was a bit concerned in that the egg count was higher than last years. Ed discussed nest locations and mentioned that they have not seen any goslings yet. The egg oiling is completed and they will be watching for the gosling population this year to see if it is higher than last year.

### **Consideration of commercial use of the parks and park facilities of the Town of Lake Lure –**

Jim Walters asked that this be tabled until the June meeting so that the Board could review the information gathered from the meeting that they had on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in length. It was agreed by the Board.

### **Luremont Trail System –**

Martyn Watts mentioned that there was nothing new to report and that they had not heard from Peter Barr. Martyn mentioned that he wanted a rough budget figure from Mr. Barr first so that it could be reviewed for cost. It was mentioned that some areas could be worked on “in house”.

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

Ed Dittmer said that there has been no change. He is still waiting for the Inter-Trail Map to go up and that Melodie stated she would do that soon. Ed mentioned that Hallie took photos of the trail system and that they would go on the ROC (Rutherford Outdoor Coalition) website for trails to hike.

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

Dale Minick brought the board up to date stating that in April there were 424 rounds of golf and 85 rounds of foot golf. They are reworking the drainage at the second bunker. The grass is looking good with the rain we’ve had. Dale also mentioned that there is now new merchandise in the store.

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

Larry Czajkoski was absent from the meeting however sent Ed Dittmer an email of items to mention. Ed discussed with the Board that the 7.5 miles is now completed but there are several loose ends to tie up before opening that part of the trail. He mentioned signs that need to be on the trail stating that when it does open that it is a rough terrain trail and that it is for experienced users. They had a meeting to plan for the opening in possibly late summer. The Grand Opening was delayed until things are finalized such as the public parking area. There will be a small reception ceremony for CMLC when they turn over the land to the town. A date is not planned yet. There was discussion at the meeting about naming the trails and park. The 1500 acre park will be called Buffalo Creek Park with the trail loop and extended trail named, Buffalo Creek Trail Loop and the Weed Patch Mountain Trail. Stephen Webber questioned the naming process policy. There was a brief discussion. Larry mentioned in his email that he will update the Town Council at a Town Council meeting.

Hallie got numbers from the trail counter however believed they were incorrect. She will look into the error and get back with the Board.

Town Manager Ron Nalley mentioned that the town has sent in repair cost for the Eastern and Western Dozer Lines to the FMAG (FEMA application to apply for assistance from the fire).

#### **Pool Creek Picnic Park**

Diane Barrett mentioned that the berm with the new flowers looks good. There was discussion regarding the sign process and who needed to request that. Melodie mentioned that they should have an information sign like the one in Morse Park. There was further discussion regarding the sign process and ordinances.

#### **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge**

Bill Massey stated that the flowers are looking very nice on the bridge. The FB Board is preparing a document to present to Town Council regarding the original funds the Flower Bridge had borrowed from the town and how the money has been spent to date. He stated that the donations are doing very well. There have been tour groups stopping by and some have made the Flowering Bridge a destination location. Stephen Webber mentioned a meeting that he and Bill had. He mentioned the El Surreno property and was wondering if the Flowering Bridge group would want to take that over for improvement purposes in the public parking area. Stephen also mentioned formally adding that area to the Public Parking for town so that it would be under the town ordinance. There was discussion regarding the area.

#### **Morse Park**

Melodie Potter stated that the paving is scheduled for June. Jim asked if it was going to remain in the fiscal year budget and she stated she believed it would be completed by then. Melodie discussed with the Board a new proposal she received from a company out of Hendersonville regarding the resurfacing of the tennis courts. She stated that the representative said that he wouldn't advise resurfacing because the current layer is so poor. He advised pulling the current concrete up and starting over. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the courts and that it would be advisable to get with Shannon and have a master plan drawn of the park area with the new restrooms and pavilion that was already in the CIP, as well as possible relocation of the tennis courts/or for total rehab of the courts. Jim and Melodie will meet with Shannon to begin this process. Town Manager Ron Nalley felt that this was the best idea. In the meantime it was agreed that the sinking area on the tennis court would be filled by the town's maintenance department. It was also advised that signs be put up to manage park liability on the courts. Melodie also mentioned a proposal she had for re-painting the basketball courts. It was discussed to wait on this until a master plan was decided on.

#### **New Business -**

Stephen Webber agreed that having a master plan for the park area was indeed a good idea. He also mentioned that in reference to Weed Patch Mountain that there would be other meetings for planning emergency access for first responders and maintenance.

Melodie stated that they are mowing and that the flowers are installed.

Ron Nalley advised the Board that Kat Canant would no longer be transcribing minutes of the meetings and that Clint Calhoun would now be taking minutes. Jim Walters thanked Kat for her six years of service and they wished her well and would miss her at the meetings.

Ron Nalley inquired about the Park and Recreation ordinance work. Jim Walters advised it is currently being worked on.

**Adjournment**

**Jim Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Barrett made a motion to adjourn, Dale Minick seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 2:46pm**

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

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