



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

### **September 7, 2017 Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the September 7, 2017 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30pm

#### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Martyn Watts

Bill Massey

Diane Barrett

Larry Czajkoski

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Town Environmental Management Officer – Clint Calhoun

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Melodie Potter

Town Communications Officer—Valerie Hoffman

Town Community Development Director—Shannon Baldwin

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

The Agenda for the September 7, 2017 meeting was reviewed. **Ed Dittmer made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss an independent brochure for all of Town's parks; Larry Czajkoski seconded; all were in favor and the agenda was amended accordingly.**

The Minutes of the August 23, 2017 special 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.**

#### **PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **Buffalo Creek Park-**

Larry Czajkoski provided an update on the status of Buffalo Creek Park. Explained that Peter Barr was doing a walk-through to make sure that all grant deliverables have been met. Peter will also be starting on the spur trail in November. The side project will take approximately 3 months to complete. The trail will be called "Eagle Rock Cliff Trail" and is being built through contributed funds by Conserving Carolina (formerly Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy) and the NC Climbers Coalition. Larry has been in contact and is working with NC State Park officials regarding the parking lot agreement at BCP. Larry has spoken with Tim Johnson, former trail planner for NC State Parks, about doing a trail management plan that will also include resource and expense reports. Tim will do the report for \$1100-\$1200. There may be grant funds available to cover the cost. **Larry made a motion to request that up to \$1500 be spent on this project; Ed Dittmer seconded; all were in favor.** Larry also mentioned that work was progressing on signage and that they are getting quotes for three kiosks. Also mentioned that the trail counters are currently not working.

### **Luremont Trail-**

Martyn Watts presented some quotes for the trail construction at Luremont. Much discussion ensued. Trash will need to be removed on the Pool Creek side of the trail. There will also need to be fencing placed around the well house. At some point in the near future a conversation between the Town Manager and John/Allen Moore will be needed. **No motions or recommendations at this time.**

### **Morse Park Plan-**

Shannon Baldwin gave update on status. Equinox Environmental now has the info from the surveys and data gathered at the special meeting, the minutes of which have been officially approved by the Parks and Rec. Board. On October 10, from 2-4:30 there will be a special workshop where the board will be presented with two concepts. The workshop will seek to bring the two concepts into a final concept. On November 2, the final concept will be reviewed for a final recommendation to Council. Council will review the final concept at their November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to consider adoption. If they choose, Council can defer to December 12<sup>th</sup> for their final decision. **Motion was made by Dianne Barrett to schedule a special meeting for October 10, 2017; seconded by Bill Massey; all were in favor.**

### **Dittmer-Watts-**

Ed Dittmer updated the board on progress in Dittmer-Watts. The new sign is up. No additional signs are needed. Ed met with Eric Kunath to see where the split rail fences need to go to prevent unnecessary access to the school campus. Those locations have been agreed to. New maps have been made for the trail.

### **Town Park Brochure-**

Valerie floated the idea of having a brochure that details all Town Parks and possibly including Chimney Rock Village if they are interested in participating. Because of anticipated changes due to the future addition of Luremont and other possible revisions, we would keep printing quantities low. It was mentioned that the Flowering Bridge should be included in this as it is owned by the Town and is considered a Town asset. Valerie will put together the numbers and will see if Chimney Rock Village will contribute as well.

### **Pool Creek Park-**

Dianne Barrett said that the Pool Creek Park sign will go up next week, identifying the Park.

### **Flowering Bridge-**

Bill Massey said that they are currently working on the "Country Garden." There are currently some grade issues that they are working to resolve. There was a recent article on the Flowering Bridge in the Asheville Citizen-Times.

### **Golf Course-**

Jim Walters reported on behalf of Dale Minick who was unable to attend. Golf and foot golf are following a good, slow growth pattern. Both are still ahead of 2016 through August. Four greens have been partially aerified and seeded. Germination has begun as of Sunday. Hosted the horticulture class from LLCA so they could witness the total process on two mornings. Aim is to aerify, topdress, seed, and fertilize all the greens later in the month as we must get them healthy before Thanksgiving, as there won't be any irrigation again this winter due to the lake being down. It was obvious that last year's fall drought which continued into the irrigationless winter hurt root growth tremendously going into this summer. We will do everything possible to get the greens pumped up for winter. Horton Paving recently came in to repair areas of the cart path system. There are still other areas to do but this was a notable great start.

### **Discussion Concerning Town Waterfront Concessionaire RFP and Morse Park Improvement Progress-**

Jim Walters stated that the RFP was sent out and that of the 3 responses, 2 showed up for the Q & A meeting and tour on September 1.

### **Council Liaison Report -**

Commissioner Stephen Webber had nothing to report.

### **Parks and Recreation Supervisor-**

Melodie Potter reported that she's mowing a lot of grass right now.

### **Environmental Management Officer-**

Reported on preparation efforts for Hurricane Irma. Stated that the lake would be coming down to provide some flood storage and that alerts would be going out to the citizens on Code Red and social media later in the day.

### **Adjournment**

Jim Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Barrett made a motion to adjourn, Ed Dittmer seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun  
The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be October 5, 2017 at 1:30pm