



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

### **October 5, 2017 Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the October 5, 2017 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30pm

#### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Martyn Watts

Bill Massey

Dale Minick

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Town Environmental Management Officer – Clint Calhoun

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Melodie Potter

Rutherford Outdoor Coalition Trails Supervisor—Dana Bradley

Volunteer Trail Coordinator—Trevor Freeman

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

The Agenda for the October 5, 2017 meeting was reviewed. **Ed Dittmer made a motion with an amendment from Martyn Watts to discuss an issue regarding the idea of a “tourist tax”; Bill Massey seconded; all were in favor and the agenda was amended accordingly.**

The Minutes of the September 7, 2017 special meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Ed Dittmer to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Bill Massey; all were in favor.**

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

##### **Buffalo Creek Park-**

Jim Walters provided an update on Larry's behalf. A recommendation was made to purchase a chainsaw, chaps, and safety equipment, along with some type of storage facility for ongoing work at Buffalo Creek Park. Estimated cost for the purchase of the needed equipment is \$749. **Motion was made by Ed Dittmer to purchase the equipment; seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.** Dana Bradley introduced Trevor Freeman, the new Americorps member taking over the position in place of Hallie Zedick whose service period has ended. If anyone needs to get in touch with Trevor, his number is (828)351-3235. Dana mentioned that the hiker counter is still not working but the bike counter is working. He also said that there is a tree down on the extension that is not blocking the trail but has severely damaged the trail where it uprooted and will likely require some professional work to fix. Clint said he would go out and take a look at it.

#### **Luremont Trail-**

Martyn Watts mentioned that he had spoken with Ron Nalley with regards to approaching Alan Moore about moving the trash at the end of the Luremont Trail and indicated that Ron would prefer that we didn't discuss the subject right now due to some other discussions that are already underway related to other Town projects. Martyn suggested that we could always build some steps as an alternative but this would require terminating the trail a little further up the hill. Mentioned that we will need to put up some NO TRESPASSING signs to protect the private property owners. Martyn said that he would talk to Mark Fretwell about the gate. Next step as it pertains to Luremont is putting together a plan for notifying the property owners in that neighborhood about the Town's intention to construct a trail there. This will need to happen prior to starting construction. **No motions or recommendations at this time.**

#### **Discussion Regarding "Tourism Tax"-**

Martyn Watts presented an idea that he had previously discussed with former Town Manager, Chris Braund regarding a "tourism tax" that would be collected to help fund projects in Lake Lure that are geared towards enhancement for the sake of those visiting Lake Lure. Much discussion ensued. **No motions or recommendations at this time.**

#### **Dittmer-Watts-**

Ed Dittmer updated the board on progress in Dittmer-Watts. Trails are looking good. LLCA had a cross country meet out there this month and will be hosting a 6-school State meet on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Pool Creek Park-**

Jim Walters provided an update of progress on Pool Creek Park. The new sign is up. Melodie is working on getting an informational sign at the park entrance.

#### **Flowering Bridge-**

Bill Massey said that most of the Sun Garden has been planted. Irrigation has been completed. A waterfall is being installed. Walkway extension pavers have been ordered and the new arbor is close to being finished as well. Clint asked Bill about the species of *Miscanthus* that had been planted at the far end of the garden and whether anyone was sure about its potential as an invasive species. Bill said he would check.

### **Golf Course-**

Dale Minick said that the golf course had 492 rounds for September which is 43 rounds ahead of September last year. Total rounds for the year is 4,694 compared to 4,578 for 2016. There were 41 foot golf rounds compared to 63 in September of last year. Total rounds of foot golf for the year is 610 compared to 537 in 2016. The horticulture class from LLCA has been out to see aeration and overseeding projects. Currently working on the greens and getting them ready for winter.

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

Jim Walters stated that the time period has been extended but things should be happening within the next month.

### **Council Liaison Report -**

Commissioner Stephen Webber welcomed Trevor Freeman and thanked Dana and Trevor for their hard work at Buffalo Creek Park.

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

Melodie Potter reported that they are in the midst of decorating for Fall. Morse Park looks good right now, especially with all the muhly grass going to seed. They are receiving a lot of positive comments on the asphalted trails. They will be cutting up the black willows that have fallen.

### **Environmental Management Officer-**

Nothing to report.

### **Adjournment**

Jim Walters reminded everyone that there will be a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be October 10, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:30 to discuss the Morse Park Concept plans. Jim requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Dittmer made a motion to adjourn, Bill Massey seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun.

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on October 10, 2017 at 2:00.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be November 2, 2017 at 1:30pm.