



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

November 1, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the November 1, 2018 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:33 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters, Chairman

Larry Czajkoski

Bill Massey

Dale Minick

Maureen Bay (Alt. Member)

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Dana Bradley -Rutherford Outdoor Coalition

Melodie Potter -Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Laura Krejci - Communications Specialist

James Ledgerwood – Superintendent at Chimney Rock State Park

Absent: Ed Dittmer, Martyn Watts

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Walters proposed approval of the agenda and previous minutes . The Agenda for the November 1, 2018 meeting was reviewed. Minutes for Sep 6, were reviewed. They approved the current agenda and the Sep. 6 minutes. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Agenda and Mr. Minick seconded and the motion.**

Dana introduced Robin Schultz our new coordinator for AmeriCorps.

a. Discussion Regarding Board Membership

1) **Replacement for Diane Barrett** - to allow nomination to Town Council

Per Michelle there is only one application submitted on file which is from Maureen Bay. According to Michelle Ms. Bay has to resign from being the alternate so that we can then nominate her to Town Council to be a permanent member. This will leave the alternate position vacant until we receive another application to fill that position. Maureen is willing accept the nomination. Mr. Webber stated that he would like to verify such procedures with Michelle.

In solicitation to the board that we nominate Maureen Bay to the board to fill Diane Barrett's position on the Parks and Rec Board as a permanent member. Bill Massey made a motion Larry Czajkoski gave a second all voted in favor.

2) **Filling other Vacancies - to facilitate necessary nominations to Town Council**

If Town Council approves Maureen Bay to become a permanent regular member of the Parks and Rec Board the only vacancy we will have left will be the position of alternate. We will go to the files and see if Michelle has anyone who had applied for it, or we will solicit someone to apply for the position. Laura Krejci has placed the available positions onto the town's website asking for applications for next year.

3) **Solicitation of Interest to Serve as either the Chair or Vice-chair of the Board to allow nominations to Town Council**

Does anyone here have an interest in serving as the chair or vice chair? If so let your intentions be made known. Since none have been brought forward the current Chairman and Vice Chairman will resume their positions. We will inform the Town Council that Mr. Walters and Mr. Dittmer will retain their respected positions.

4) **Solicitation of "Intent to Continue" service on the Board to allow nominations to Town Council**

Dale Minick and Martyn Watts terms expire on December 31, 2018. The Chairman would like to make a recommendation to Town Council that if they would like to continue then we would like for them to stay in their positions on the board. Michelle will be consulting to learn whether Mr. Watts wishes to continue.

Park Presentation and Discussion –

Commissioner Webber presented maps with and without the cut through to examine the Morse Park Traffic Pattern. The Police Chief came up with these maps that were presented to Town Council and council sent the subject back to be further discussed with Parks and Rec. A vote is needed from the Parks and Rec Board as if you recommend one of these patterns or none at all. In these maps the newly suggested patterns goes to the left and around instead of going to the right and around like we do now.

Chairman Walters mentioned that with or without the cut through this would require anyone with a trailer to have to go all the way around. People with trailers would have to go all the way around in a full loop to get to the marina.

Given that the position of the boat launch will be changed for the new marina in the future it makes sense to not make any changes for the moment. Although the time frame for construction could be years away but 150k was budgeted for this project this year towards engineering and surveying. There is also a financial study underway concerning the new restaurant. There have been no issues with regards to accidents having taken place. Boats currently use the cut through but not extensively. Discussion ensued towards a practical solution. The outcome is to leave it like it is maintain the status quo of traffic flow and provide better markings, make sure that its properly marked and revisit the topic once the with the new marina is underway.

Next up for discussion is the proposed new 25MPH zone from Town corporate limits to Harris Road. The question of whether a new speed limit of 25mph should be imposed or to leave it as it currently is? Commissioner Webber noted that the need isn't there, there isn't any traffic justification to change the speed limit. The discussion mentioned that however the traffic does need to be slowed down coming into the beach area. A Conversation is being had with the DOT about putting up a couple of radar signs around the beach especially during the summer when it's the most congested.

The board moves in favor to change the speed limit for 1 mile approaching the west side of Buddy Lane and east side of Knight Hollow.

b. Presentation of Discussion Issues which occurred in lieu of an October 2018 Meeting - Larry Czajkoski

Mr. Czajkoski stated that the permit has been approved by Brad and Shannon. We will have 14 "Park Temporary Closed" signs that can be used in the event of any whether or maintenance incidents. In addition we need to put in place the Park closing procedures and policy signage. The money used was \$350 from last year's fiscal budget. This project took about 3 and a half months.

Vote for the new entrance sign designed by Valerie and Mr. Czajkoski. Valerie also recommended the printer. A vote is needed on the design and on the funds for the printer signature signs \$400 or NC printing \$470 for the park identification sign

Mr. Massey makes a motion for the design and Mr. Minick seconds the motion, the board all votes in favor to move forward with a design as presented and to go with NC printing.

c. Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain and the Trail to Eagle Rock - Larry Czajkoski

The walking bridge as it goes into buffalo creek is in discussion in terms for how to clean this area and add some type of traction. Dana is overseeing the issue and how to stop the bridge from being as slippery. One recommendation is to use a varnish that has sand in it or using adhesive strips. Commissioner Webber recommended using stain with sand which he has personal experience with it working well for his own property. The concern is with using stain on treated wood. Dana who reached out to Lowes is still trying to determine a viable solution. Other suggestions included using a form of

mesh. Dale recalled previous uses that worked for the gold course. Melodie spoke to the affects after pressure washing the area. Two part process clean the area and apply something that will work best for treated wood. The bridge has been there for four years and never been cleaned which is what has led to the current issue. A new picnic table will also be purchase to replace the rotting one.

James Ledgerwood stated that Eagle rock parking lot opened up in Chimney Rock. There is a process for reserving the parking lot, Mr. Czajkoski presented as example of the online process for the board to see. Rangers are patrolling regularly. A climbing permit must be submitted prior to use which will assist with emergency and rescue efforts. There 8 emergency exit points in the trail. The various fire chiefs will be hosted to tour the trail. Also Dana, met with Shannon to introduce Robin as the newly appointed AmeriCorp partnership rep and to reinforce how the program is a benefit to our area. Robin is available to assist through July.

d. Dittmer - Watts Nature Trail Park - Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer is not present

e. Lake Lure Flowering Bridge - Bill Massey

Mr. Massey's update is as follows; The exterior structure of the Kiosk is now completed. Eight panels are going up. The panels will feature history of the town and other information for the public. The sign process is also completed and is going to be presented to the council.

Mr. Czajkoski motions for the approval to pay for the sign for flower and bridge and Mr. Minick gave the second. The board voted in favor.

Warm lights will be used for the Christmas decorations. This year the aim is to be more tasteful and less chaotic with the decorations. We had a volunteer appreciation luncheon to celebrate the people who help our efforts we have thousands of visitors who come to the bridge each year.

f. Lake Lure Public Golf Club - Dale Minick

Mr. Minick announced that membership is up at the golf club. There was an increase of 420 this October where as last year was only 340 by that time. This is partly due to the membership drive which has yielded 77 members so far. This will continue that for another six weeks. A few people from the resort have also joined. Many neighboring golf course are closing such as Old Fort and Rutherford Country Club. We will be using geo fencing to target potential customers via Facebook. The replacing of trees will get underway with funding to remain under \$500.

g. Luremont Trail Park - Martyn Watts

Mr. Watts is not present

h. Morse Park - Melodie Potter and Jim Walters

Nothing to present

i. Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor - Melodie Potter

Working on the memorial tribute for Anita Taylor.

**j. Recognition of Guests and Discussion of Recommendations Submitted by
Concerned Lake Lure Citizens, Residents and Voters**

Laura is open to working with the board and looks forward to producing content from the Flower and Bridge. She loves Lake Lure and is excited to be here.

k. Town Council Liaison - Commissioner Stephen Webber

Commissioner Webber pointed out that he recently had a comment from a non-citizen on how great flags look on the new poles.

Adjournment

Mr. Czajkoski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm. Mr. Massey seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes were transcribed by Administration Support Specialist Sha'Linda Pruitt.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be December 6, 2018 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:



Jim Walters, Chairman