



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

March 1, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the March 1, 2018 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Dale Minick

Diane Barrett

Bill Massey

Ed Dittmer

Larry Czajkoski

Martyn Watts

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor—Melodie Potter

Town Environmental Management Officer – Clint Calhoun

Volunteer Trail Coordinator—Trevor Freeman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the March 1, 2018 meeting was reviewed. **Ed Dittmer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Bill Massey seconded; all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the February 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Bill Massey to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.**

PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Request by Ranger Katherine Scheip of Chimney Rock State Park to conduct an educational fishing workshop in Morse Park –

Ranger Scheip explained to the Board that 2018 is the Year of the Fish for North Carolina State Parks. She requested that the Town participate as a partner for fishing clinics in June and September by allowing use of Morse Park as the location for the clinics. The clinics would only last for one hour. **A motion was made by Ed Dittmer to support use of Morse Park for conducting the fishing clinics; the motion was seconded by Larry Czajkoski; all were in favor.**

Buffalo Creek Park/Weed Patch Mountain-

Larry Czajkoski reported that the PARTF grant has been closed out. May 4th is the scheduled grand opening for the Weed Patch Mountain Trail. The PARTF grant request cycle is in May. It would be good to submit an application for 2019 for the parking lot at BCP. The kiosk is up at the BCP trailhead. It needs to be stained and is waiting on the signs. The 2nd kiosk will be at the trailhead for WPM. The WPM Trail Management Plan will be reviewed next month. Regarding last month's request by Trevor Freeman to add additional spur trails within the main loop at BCP, Peter Barr said via e-mail that expanding spur trails would probably not be a good idea right now. Trevor Freeman said that there were 97 bikers in January and 53 in February. The trail is in good shape. Based on the price given by Bill Massey (see section on the Flowering Bridge), the Town will be purchasing 4 counters (3 foot, 1 bike).

Luremont Trail-

Martyn Watts gave presentation regarding Luremont Trail. Martyn requested that the Board visit the site before voting on any matters concerning the park. Melodie and David Arrowood spoke with Suzanne Eddy about moving the trash at the end of the trail. Suzanne, the caretaker for John Heyward Moore's side of the Bottomless Pools property, had no issues with removing the trash but did request that the trail route be located further away so as to keep the covered bridge out of view due to concerns of trespassing. Could possibly schedule the April 5th meeting to begin at 12:30 at Asa Gray, prior to going to Town Hall for the rest of the meeting. Larry Czajkoski mentioned that Peter Barr submitted a pre-application to RTP for Luremont.

Dittmer-Watts-

Ed Dittmer said that multiple work days have been scheduled for Dittmer-Watts. Work is currently underway on the Mountain Laurel Trail. Volunteers are doing a good job.

Pool Creek Park-

Diane Barrett said nothing is happening with Pool Creek Park right now and there are no future projects planned for the park. She asked for Pool Creek Park to be removed from the agenda for the foreseeable future.

Flowering Bridge-

Bill Massey priced the counters and said they are \$540/counter. The volunteers have worked on the path down to the river. The arbor has been installed. The pathway has been decorated with stone. The path has been completed to Boys Camp Road. The annual fundraiser begins this month. "Tiptoe

Through the Tulips” is the theme for March. Christmas lights have been removed. The Lake Lure Artists are partnering to create additional lighting pieces for individual gardens.

Golf Course-

Dale Minick reported that there wasn't much going on at the golf course. Greens are greening up. Rain over the last few weeks has certainly helped. February had 213 golfers compared to 278 in February 2017; numbers year-to-date are 305 vs 420 (2017). Foot golf was 2 compared to 24 in February 2017; numbers year-to-date are 26 vs 30 (2017). LLCA has started their golf season. They have 6 players, including one young lady. On March 29, there will be a golf meet with 6 schools (including LLCA) competing.

Morse Park-

Jim Walters explained that 176 Boys camp Road will be formally on the agenda from this point on and in place of Pool Creek Park as the Board continues to explore and discuss potential uses. Would like to see some type of temporary use at the very least by this summer. Parking issues are the biggest problem right now in Morse Park and the Flowering Bridge, as well as a lack of picnic spots. Will be looking at having a meeting to look at the property. Jim will make a decision on the EV Charging Station signs. The steering committee for the Morse Park bathrooms is in the process of making some decisions regarding design.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor-

Melodie Potter reported that her crew is cutting back and pruning. Some shrubs have been removed at the little park by Larkin's. They will be applying mulch in this park in August. Melodie is currently getting info on hanging baskets for poles between Town Hall and the ABC Store. The baskets would be put out around the end of June. Melodie's crew went to Greenville to Falls Park and the Liberty Bridge on a field trip.

Environmental Management Officer-

Clint Calhoun mentioned that the pond behind the gas station has been drained due to some sinkholes behind the spillway that are causing the pond to lose water. The emergency spillway has been seriously undermined so an engineer will be coming out to look at the damage and to give an estimate on writing a plan for repair. Clint also mentioned that the Chimney Rock State Park Park Advisory Committee is looking for someone to replace a member who is rotating off the committee. The Board suggested that Larry would be a good choice. Larry said he would think about it and get back with James Ledgerwood who was also present at the meeting.

Discussion regarding Alternate Members-

Jim Walters mentioned that this topic was on the February agenda but was put off due to his inability to be at the meeting due to illness. In the past there have been times when the Board was unable to conduct business due to lack of a quorum, so it was suggested that having an alternate member for the board would be a way of solving this problem. **Ed Dittmer made a motion to add an alternate member to the Parks and Recreation Board; Martyn Watts seconded; all were in favor. Bill Massey made a motion recommending that Town Council appoint Maureen Bay to fill the position as the alternate member as her application is already on file at Town Hall; Ed Dittmer seconded; all were in favor.**

Recognition of Guests and Their Discussion Topics-

Maureen Bay stated that cleanup work recently took place along Memorial Highway and that 6 cleanup events have been scheduled after her conversations with Matt Taylor (NCDOT). Several bags of trash were collected but not all have been picked up yet. Efforts are underway to get that taken care of. Maureen also mentioned the annual fundraiser for Conserving Carolina is coming up in August and provided a promotional flyer (see attached).

Ed Dittmer also mentioned that the Board needs to update the Parks and Recreation Plan. This hasn't been looked at in a while and hasn't been updated on the town's website since 2009.

Council Liaison Report -

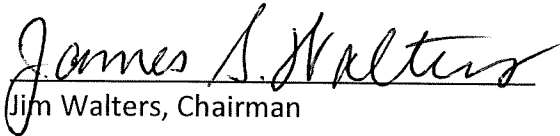
Commissioner Webber mentioned that he needs help from the Board in order to justify a full-time position for Parks and Rec. The Board needs to know what number to provide in order to make the case.

Adjournment

Larry Czajkoski made a motion to adjourn, Ed Dittmer seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Jim Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun.
The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be April 5, 2018 at 1:30pm.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman