



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

April 5, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the April 5, 2018 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 12:30pm at Asa Gray Drive where the Parks and Recreation Board met to look at the Luremont Trail. After the walk-through, the meeting was recessed at 1:20 and reconvened at Town Hall at 1:30

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters, Chairman

Dale Minick

Bill Massey

Ed Dittmer

Larry Czajkoski

Martyn Watts

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber (only for the meeting at Town Hall)

Others present:

Town Manager—Ron Nalley

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor—Melodie Potter

Town Environmental Management Officer – Clint Calhoun

Volunteer Trail Coordinator—Trevor Freeman

Maureen Bay

Dan Breneman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the April 5, 2018 meeting was reviewed. **Ed Dittmer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Martyn Watts seconded; all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Ed Dittmer to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Martyn Watts; all were in favor.**

When the recessed meeting was reconvened at Town Hall, Chairman Walters asked for the agenda to be adjusted to allow Ron Nalley to speak regarding a couple of issues. **Bill Massey made a motion to amend the agenda accordingly; Dale Minick seconded; all were in favor.**

LUREMONT TRAIL FIELD TRIP

Martyn Watts led the group on a field expedition to look at where the trail will come out on Asa Gray Drive. The group discussed needs such as a fence and a gate after the trail crosses Asa Gray Drive to permit access for the power company where the trail follows the powerline right-of-way. It might be necessary to move the water meters there, but it may be possible to work around them. A screen fence was suggested along the edge of the right-of-way to discourage trespassing on adjoining property owners.

The group moved down to the Pool Creek end of the trail. The group discussed the need for fencing around the Town's water supply pumphouse and propane tank. There are some sensitivities that the Moore Family has with regards to potential trespass and have asked the Town to locate the end of the trail where the view of the covered bridge will be minimized to discourage hikers from going onto private property. It was also suggested that a hedge of some kind could be planted, perhaps with Leyland cypress, arbor-vitae, or even rhododendrons. Surveying and planning needs to be done on the Pool Creek side to make sure that the project is well executed. Larry Czajkoski mentioned that Peter Barr did submit a pre-application to RTP and they suggested that the Town needs to close out the Buffalo Creek Park grant before applying.

PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Request by Ron Nalley Regarding 176 Boys Camp Road –

Town Manager Ron Nalley explained that the purpose of the public meeting is to receive comments on the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application for 176 Boys Camp Road. A brief presentation was given by Mr. Nalley regarding the project outlined in the PARTF grant application. He stated that in 2014, the Town of Lake Lure adopted the Rocky Broad River Small Area Gateway Plan, which identified an area along the river, near Town Hall and the Flowering Bridge, offering a significant redevelopment opportunity. Mr. Nalley also stated that if the PARTF grant application is successful, the grant would reimburse the Town 50% of the property purchase, plus incidental costs. He mentioned that the appraisal of the property came back for \$348,000 and that the property was purchased for \$250,000. **A motion was made by Ed Dittmer that the Parks and Recreation Board supports this project and recommends giving the matching funds as part of the grant application; the motion was seconded by Larry Czajkoski; all were in favor.**

Request by Ron Nalley Regarding Farmers Market in Morse Park

Ron Nalley brought a request from Shae Williams for a farmer's market in Morse Park for Saturdays through the growing season. The hours would be from 8 to 12 with multiple vendors. Questions were raised regarding the timing with respect to other events that may be taking place in Morse Park and whether or not there were alternative locations that wouldn't conflict with normal use of the park by visitors. A short-term agreement may be more palatable to see how it goes and to gather data to gauge success. Pool Creek was suggested as a better alternative. **No motions were offered regarding this request.**

Request from Dan Breneman Regarding Use of the Pond Dam Adjacent to Lake Lure Landing

Dan Breneman requested permission for people buying sandwiches at his store to picnic on the dam of the pond adjacent to the storage building at Lake Lure Landing. His plan call for adding four picnic tables. Dan said that his business would provide trash receptacles and would be willing to mow around the tables. The question was asked if Dan would be willing to purchase the picnic tables himself and he said possibly. **Ed Dittmer made the motion to support use of the pond dam for this request; Martyn Watts seconded; all were in favor.**

Buffalo Creek Park/Weed Patch Mountain-

Larry Czajkoski reported that they have been working on signage for the kiosks. The junction trail kiosk (where the loop and extension trail to Weed Patch Mountain come together) will be built by Knight Strategies just like the one at the trail entrance and that work will be started next week. It was mentioned that Rumbling Bald Resort should be encouraged to install a similar kiosk on their end of the Park. May 4th is the scheduled grand opening which will be held at the King Ranch at 10 or 10:30. Still deciding if this will be a private event or open to the public, and if open to the public, how will this be managed?

The Trail Management Report written by Tim Johnson was discussed. Larry provided the following information:

Buffalo Creek Park totals 1527 acres. The project began in 2012, starting with 200 acres. Paid for with a \$300,000 PARTF Grant. \$120,000 was paid for the BCP trail (2/3 RTP; 1/3 PARTF). Additional 1300 acres were added with a \$350,000 PARTF Grant. \$355,000 was spent on the Weed Patch Mountain Trail (\$200,000 from RTP; \$155,000 from Conserving Carolina through private donors). The total spent for the entire park to date is \$1.125 million. The BCP Loop Trail along with the trail between the parking lots is 4.5 miles; WPM Trail is 8 miles for a total of 12.5 miles of trail over 1527 acres. Total estimated hours for maintenance for just the Weed Patch Mountain portion of trail is estimated at 500 hrs/yr. It is project that the BCP Trail will require another 500 hrs/yr for a grand total of 1,000 hrs/yr. Conserving Carolina is offering to provide 500 hrs/yr of maintenance for three years starting in May if the Town is agreeable. They will also allow use of an e-mountain bike for accessing backcountry parts of the trail. Because of Clean Water Management Trust Fund requirements, no ATVs or similar vehicles will be allowed on the trail. Clint stated that Tim Johnson's plan is very thorough and well done and that it would be wise for the Town to have similar plans for its other parks. The Board should be able to adopt the Management Plan as part of its overall Parks and Rec Plan. Clint also mentioned that the Town may want to consider adding an additional Americorps Volunteer dedicated solely to the Town's trails. Next opportunity to expand will be for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Dittmer-Watts-

Ed Dittmer said that there are three trees down on the trail right now and they are working on getting those removed. Also said that the lost dog has been found and is reunited with his owner.

Pool Creek Park-

Will wait until Diane is back to discuss idea of expanding Pool Creek Park as a result of discussion item proposed by Dan Breneman.

Flowering Bridge-

Bill Massey said that the trail to the river is finished and they are approaching the growing season and getting ready for that. The Tiptoe Through the Tulips was not as successful as hoped due to a rodent issue that destroyed the plants. The Flowering Bridge Board found out that they are in violation of the Town's peddling ordinance and they are working, with the help of Commissioner Webber and Ron Nalley to remedy the issue.

Golf Course-

Dale Minick reported there were approximately 280 golfers in March as opposed to 315 in March of 2017; foot golf was the same as last year. The golf team from LLCA hosted a golf match. The only lady on the team shot a 57. Shirts and hats are in. Ready to get the irrigation going.

Morse Park-

Melodie said that mulching was done by BRS Landscaping. Commissioner Webber gave a project schedule for the Morse Park restrooms with construction slated to begin April 30th after contractor has been selected. The project is scheduled to be completed by June 22nd.

176 Boys Camp Road

Jim Walters sent a report regarding discussion items from the site visit to the property to Ron Nalley. Ron has directed the board to prioritize what it wants out there. Jim will get that information to Melodie

Parks and Recreation Supervisor-

Melodie Potter reported that her crew planted 30 knockout roses in the Town entrance park at the NC-9 intersection.

Environmental Management Officer-

Geese are paired up and starting to nest. He'll have the boat ready whenever the oiling crew is ready to go out.

Americorps Volunteer

Trevor Freeman said that the counters are in and he has installed one of the foot traffic counters. Trevor will send the data reports to Larry. Trevor mentioned that a vegetation cleanup will need to be scheduled for BCP.

Recognition of Guests and Their Discussion Topics-

Maureen Bay stated that the date for Conserving Carolina's Conservation Celebration has been changed to August 18.

Council Liaison Report -

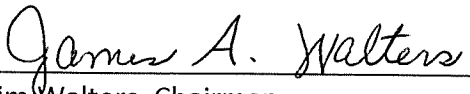
Commissioner Webber said that the resolution to add an alternate board member to the Parks and Rec. Board will be going to the next Council meeting where they will also most likely approve who will fill that position.

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 3:30 pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun.
The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be May 3, 2018 at 1:30pm.

ATTEST:



Jim Walters, Chairman