



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

June 7, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the June 7, 2018 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 pm at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters, Chairman

Bill Massey

Dale Minick

Diane Barrett

Martyn Watts

Larry Czajkoski

Maureen Bay (Alt. Member)

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor—Melodie Potter

Town Environmental Management Officer – Clint Calhoun

Americorps Volunteer—Trevor Freeman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the June 7, 2018 meeting was reviewed. **Diane Barrett made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Dale Minick seconded; all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Bill Massey to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Martyn Watts; all were in favor.**

2018/19 Budget Discussion

Funds in the current budget need to be spent by June 29. There is \$6,750 still available. Some things needed are benches and possibly a fountain for Morse Park. Commissioner Webber gave an overview of the 2018/19 budget for Parks and Rec, explaining that the amount currently budgeted for Parks and Rec., subject to final approval by Town Council, is \$293,100, which includes a Parks and Recreation

Director position. Commissioner Webber pointed out that the budget still must be approved and encouraged Parks and Rec. Board members to attend the Council meeting and voice the need for the director position.

176 BOYS CAMP ROAD

The Town now owns all 3.8 acres of the property and decisions are being made regarding how the Town will use this property. It was pointed out that the floating dock in front of the property was dislodged during the Alberto storm event and ended up in two pieces in the lake. Both pieces are salvageable and are currently safely moored.

PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Buffalo Creek Park/Weed Patch Mountain-

Larry Czajkoski reported that the ribbon-cutting was a successful event and well-attended. Valerie is working to get more information out on various web outlets, including the Town website. The trails were closed immediately after the flood event. Larry pointed out that there needs to be more communication and decision-making, but noted that we are getting there and that this is a learning process. The Park is still closed. The initial report is that Weed Patch Mountain Trail fared well, but BCP sustained quite a bit of erosion. The park will remain closed until at least June 15 to provide adequate time for assessment and cleanup as necessary, but all posts will say closed until further notice. Trevor Freeman said that the bike counter got removed somehow and was found several feet below the trail. It no longer works so it will need to be replaced, at a cost of \$550. Trevor mentioned that an invasive species removal workday is happening on June 12 at BCP. Trevor's Americorps service ends in July, after which he will be pursuing his master's degree.

Dittmer-Watts-

Nothing to report.

Pool Creek Park-

Nothing to report.

Flowering Bridge-

Bill Massey said that the Flowering Bridge hosted a Re-Charge on June 5. There were 150 attendees and it was really great. The luminaries provided by local artists are really nice and provide a different experience for late evening, twilight walks across the bridge. They are still working on directional signs. The LLFB is getting good promotion through different outlets. Estimated visitation is 50,000 people/year. The LLFB has also received \$47,000 in donations. Clint mentioned that the bridge gardens have been flown with the drone and a map was created. Brad Burton is now working with the map to provide some things for the LLFB.

Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course

Dale Minick said that despite the rain, as of May the golf course is up 143 rounds to last year. They are currently doing deep aeration on the greens. Dale said they do have some fungal issues, but was pleased to say there is no *Pythium*. We are getting some foot golf play, but rain kept them away over the last month.

Morse Park-

Jim Walters said that the steering committee met and they only received a single bid request for the restrooms which was significantly above budget. They asked for a re-bid but were unable to get within the required range. The restroom project has been tabled for now so there will not be new restrooms in time for the WEG, but will be re-addressed after Thanksgiving. It will likely be December before the project begins.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor-

There was a problem with some flowers.

Environmental Management Officer-

Clint said that lake cleanup has been underway since Friday, June 1 and continues. Most of the big and dangerous stuff has been removed and efforts now are focused in coves and clearing docks. We ask that if anyone needs debris removed, please get their name on the list at Town Hall. We've also been working on mapping the lake to see how much sediment has come in from this storm event. Jim Walters gave kudos to all staff participating in lake debris removal for all the hard work that has taken place thus far.

Recognition of Guests and Their Discussion Topics-

No guests were present.

Council Liaison Report -

Commissioner Webber said he had nothing additional to report.

Adjournment

Diane Barrett made a motion to adjourn, Bill Massey seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Jim Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:32 pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be July 5, 2018 at 1:30pm.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman