



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

April 4, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the April 4, 2019 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters
Ed Dittmer
Maureen Bay
Bill Massey
Dale Minick

Board Members absent:

Larry Czajkoski
Martyn Watts

Town Council Members present:

Stephen M. Webber, Commissioner

Other Town Staff Present:

Melodie Potter, Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor
Laura Krejci, Town Communication Specialist
Dean Givens, Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Lake Director
Garrett Murphy, Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Others in Attendance:

Robin Schultze, AmeriCorps Trails Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the April 4, 2019 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the March 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Review of Volunteer Board Applications to fill vacant alternate position

Mr. Walters reviewed the four applicants with the Board. There was a brief discussion of each. Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Nelson were present in the audience and were given a moment to discuss their reason for seeking the position as well as their qualifications and history. Each Board Member reviewed their choice for the position. It was noted by each Board Member that Mr. Nelson would better suit the Zoning Board because of his history and qualifications. It was also noted by each Board Member that the other applicants were equally as qualified however all agreed that Mr. Brandon would be suit the Board better at this time. Mr. Bragdon was asked if he would have the time for all the business of the Board. Mr. Bragdon stated that it was his desire and his company's priority to be invested in the community.

It was discussed that due to two members of the Board's absence, that a vote would continue to be taken for a recommendation to the Council, however it would be discussed with the other two Board Members.

A Motion was made by Jim Walters to recommend to Town Council, Mr. Dan Bragdon for the Alternate Position on the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Dittmer seconded the Motion and all were in favor.

Parks, Recreation & Lake March 2019 Report – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens reviewed his report with the Board. He welcomed Garrett Murphy and was thrilled that he was finally able to transfer to his position on April 1, 2019. Mr. Walters stated that the report was a great way to communicate with the Board and that Mr. Murphy was a wonderful addition. Mr. Givens discussed that the same report, was also shared with the Lake Advisory Board. Mr. Murphy stated that he was very glad to be attending the meetings. He mentioned as well that he has been very busy since he began and he also thanked Ms. Potter for her continued great work.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock - Robin Schultze

Mr. Schultze spoke in Mr. Czajkoski's place. Mr. Schultze mentioned that the BCP trail looks really good. He stated that due to the wet weather in January and February the numbers on the counter were down. Commissioner Webber questioned the reliability of the counters. Mr. Schultze stated that the counters on the bike trails were counted magnetically while the hiking paths were counted by passing movement. Commissioner Webber stated that there might be other counts such as bears. Mr. Schultze stated that it may be unlikely due to the location of the counters.

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer stated that there were major erosion issues and was still concerned about the fallen tree. He and Mr. Givens walked areas of concern. The trail that encroached onto private property has now been blocked with shrubbery. Mr. Dittmer will explain that situation to the school as they will have to reroute their 5K runs. Mr. Givens and Mr. Murphy will inspect the areas of drainage issues in the meadow and the culvert on the Mt. Vista trail where water is flowing beneath and starting to collapse. Mr. Dittmer mentioned he has seen many visitors recently.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Ring in the Spring will be the next event at the Flowering Bridge on May 27, 2019. Mrs. Krejci has provided a very nice flyer. The Lake Lure Classical Academy has also put together a very nice program for that day with

music and poetry. The Kiosk should be finished very soon. Mr. Massey also let the Board know that the old beautiful petunia tree has been cut down. He mentioned it was just too dangerous at this point. There was discussion of keeping the stump and using it for art for the gardens. Mr. Massey has met with Brad who is working with Duke on getting a light for the parking area. Ms. Krejci stated that parking for the Ring in the Spring event will be at the Riverside Center. The parking area next to the Flowering Bridge will be closed to allow for the public to move around. She also mentioned that the Raptor Run will be that morning and she asked the Board to help communicate about the parking availability across the highway. Ms. Krejci stated there would be signs and an officer to help direct traffic. Mr. Walters mentioned that the largest amount of donations of any given week was just collected at the Flowering Bridge donation box. Mr. Massey reviewed the large numbers of groups that have planned to visit the park through the spring and summer.

Lake Lure Public Golf Club – Dale Minick

Mr. Minick stated that the greens are looking very good. He is completing fertilizing and seeding as well as other maintenance. The numbers for this March were at 362 versus last March of 268. He stated that many of these were from the Membership Drive so they were only collecting cart fees. Mr. Minick stated there had been 48 foot golf games and he thanked the Camp Lurecrest as a group from the Camp had been out to play foot golf. Mr. Minick mentioned that he has been looking into Fling Golf which is a derivative of Lacrosse. He explained the game to the Board. There has also been a new Tuesday morning Ladies Group as well as the beginnings of Couples Group which will include an evening with food and drinks. Mr. Minick mentioned that while the Membership Drive Special is still going on it will be winding down. He and Mr. Dittmer discussed the use of the course for the school Cross County Meets. Mr. Minick also advised the Board of a visitor that was unable to get to the shop in his wheelchair because there is no ADA ramp. Mr. Minick had a member mention that it would be a fairly simple project to have one installed. Mr. Minick will seek approval from the Council regarding this project.

Morse Park – Mrs. Melodie Potter and Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters mentioned the Park looks very good. Mr. Dittmer discussed that the Raptor Run will change their route this year, running in the opposite direction. This will be coordinated with the police. There was discussion regarding the piping that has been placed on the river side trail area. Mr. Givens stated that it would be moved in time for the event. There was also discussion regarding levelling or smoothing out the walk area by the river, before the Raptor Run. Mr. Walters inquired with Mr. Murphy if there was any progress on the restrooms. Mr. Murphy mentioned that Mr. Burton is working on the restrooms and the RFP.

Boys Camp Road Property and Summary of Carolina Climbers Coalition Event – Mr. Moe Bay

Mrs. Bay asked Mr. Givens how the planning was going. Mr. Givens stated that they just obtained the flood plain permit. He stated that this allows them to move forward in the drawing and the RFP. There was discussion as to the layout of the camp grounds and Mr. Givens stated that it will stick close to what the pre-design is. Mr. Murphy discussed the ADA camping sites. Mrs. Bay discussed how the property was going to be monetized. There was discussion regarding the drainage and how it will be specifically laid out as well as who will maintain it. Mrs. Bay inquired as to the monies from the grant. Mr. Givens stated that \$223,000 will be used to construct the project. The PARTF Grant has been signed by the Town Manager and mailed to the State.

Mrs. Bay mentioned to the Board that Mr. Walters and she had gotten together and came up with a name for the camp. They mentioned the name Rocky Broad Campground and Landing. There was discussion regarding

the naming process. There was discussion about disassociating it with Boys Camp Road, but using the name Lake Lure in it. There was further discussion regarding names. There was further discussion regarding the docks being brought back over to the location. Commissioner Webber discussed the policy for naming assets and that it needed to be reviewed by the Board.

Commissioner Webber informed the Board that the pier (docks) have now been named by the Chamber and announced to the County. Mrs. Bay mentioned that at the last Chamber meeting Patrick Bryant announced the name of the pier was now The Pier at Lake Lure Beach. There was discussion that it was a Town asset. Commissioner Webber discussed that the Parks and Recreation Director needed to get with the Chamber and ask where they had the authority to name a Town Asset and then putting it out to the general public. Mr. Givens stated it was the first he had heard about this. There was further discussion regarding this issue. There was further discussion regarding the naming of the campground. Mrs. Bay explained that they wanted to use the name "Landing" in the name for if and when the pier comes back. There was further discussion on naming Town assets. Mr. Givens mentioned that there will be dockage with Kayak launching. Mrs. Bay suggested tabling the naming until a later date.

Mrs. Bay mentioned that DOT was cleaning up Hwy 64. She also discussed that she did take the Lago Vista hike and was impressed with the view. She mentioned that CRSP could be using this as an egress route. Mrs. Bay also had a list of items that the Parks and Recreation Board would need for visiting events. Mr. Murphy stated he was looking into a popup canopy and a few other items such as a banner.

Status of 2019 Geese Peace Egg Oiling Program – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer reviewed with the Board the program which began ten years ago. During this time they've oiled over 600 eggs. He discussed that Rumbling Bald was now having an issue because they chose not to be a part of this program. Mr. Dittmer told the history of the program and how it began and there was great thought into the Geese Peace Program. He stated that this year he, Mr. Lusk and Mr. Czajkoski had been out and oiled the eggs of five nests, which were approximately 30 eggs. They will make another run further this month. He mentioned that he really feels the program is a success as they have not seen as many nest and of that they've seen, the number of eggs has not been great. There are only now 50-60 geese where they used to be more than 150. He feels the geese are being discouraged. There was discussion regarding that Lake Lure's Geese Peace Program has been a success story.

Possible Site Options for Lake Lure Dog Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters mentioned that Mrs. Lusk was not able to be at the meeting. He mentioned that she and those pushing for a dog park are encouraged by the feedback they've received and the petitions that have been signed. They have yet to find a location but are continuing that search. Mr. Walters mentioned the Carolina Moon Property. There was discussion that the renters of that property had no interest in using that as a dog park. Mr. Murphy also suggested a way to monetize the same type area was to have a dog wash. He had visited towns where they had a dog wash station. Mrs. Bay wondered about going to the owner of the property. Mr. Walters stated that the conversation he had with the leasers of that property was that they were not welcoming to the idea. Commissioner Webber suggested that he felt that wouldn't be a good idea to go to the owners without the leasers on board with the idea.

Mr. Massey mentioned that there is a survey going around on Facebook from Rutherford Recreation. He encouraged the Board to take the survey and to let other know of it as well. He mentioned that there was an area to suggest things, such as Dog Parks.

Commissioner Webber also added that concerning the dog park, the land across from Ingles that Mrs. Lusk had spoken of regarding a possible Dog Park site, Commissioner Webber mentioned that the Council had opted to have a Geo Tec survey done because the site is being looked at to be an alternate site for the ABC store. This area is all fill. At the next Council meeting they will approve a budget amendment for this cost.

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Mrs. Melodie Potter

Mrs. Potter stated there was nothing new to add.

Town Staff Liaisons – Mr. Dean Givens and Mr. Garrett Murphy

Mr. Givens stated there was nothing new to add.

Discussion & Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters

Mrs. Krejci took this time to mention events that are coming up (these can be found on the Town of Lake Lure website under the Community Calendar section)

Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Stephen Webber

Commissioner Webber mentioned that Mr. Minick's lease was up at the golf course and the Council has renewed it for another 5 years. Commissioner Webber also inquired into the Flowering Bridge sign and Mr. Massey stated it had been ordered and they are waiting on same. He also inquired into the counters on the Flowering Bridge wherein Mr. Massey stated he was unsure how to collect that data but that he would get with Mr. Schultze for instructions. Commissioner Webber also mentioned for Mrs. Krejci to get with Mr. Massey and get the list of tour groups coming so they could be announced on the Facebook page. He felt it could be great advertisement for the Flowering Bridge as well. Commissioner Webber also discussed for Mrs. Krejci to put together a type of event that would celebrate the Town's many volunteers that are on the Boards. She felt this was a great idea. Commissioner Webber also thanked Mrs. Potter for everything looking so great. Mr. Walters also thanked town employee Carl Landrum for assisting with the Boys Camp Road trash pick-up. Commissioner Webber also discussed the Schnabel Dam findings with the Board as well as mentioned that the Daily Courier had reported a false headline stating that Engineers ruled the dam was unsafe. He stated that the Council is looking into this matter. He felt that the headline alone was detrimental to Realtors and those looking to purchase homes in Lake Lure.

Mr. Walters mentioned he would not be able to attend the May meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Minick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 pm. Mr. Massey seconded and the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Kat Canant, LLPD Admin Assistant

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be May 2, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Dittmer', is written over a horizontal line.

Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman