



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

January 2, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the January 2, 2020 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
Bill Massey
Dale Minick
Maureen Bay
Larry Czajkoski

Board Members absent:

Martyn Watts
Dan Bragdon (Alternate)

Town Council Members present:

Commissioner Patrick Bryant

Other Town Staff Present:

Laura Krejci, Town Communication Specialist
Garrett Murphy, Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Others in Attendance:

Rumblin' Bald Resort visitors Jeff Geisler and Josh Munn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the January 2, 2020 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Minick made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mrs. Bay seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Special Topics

Board Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

A Motion was made by Mr. Czajkoski to elect Mr. Jim Walters as Chairman and Mr. Ed Dittmer as Vice Chairman of the Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Board. Mrs. Bay seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Welcome Commissioner Bryant

Mr. Walters welcomed newly elected Commissioner Bryant to the Board.

Request for Concession

Mr. Wade Oppliger was not present to discuss this request

Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion

Parks, Recreation & Lake December 2019 Report – Mr. Garrett Murphy

Mr. Murphy reviewed reports with the Board. Mr. Murphy discussed the continued grading of the spoils pit area. The reimbursement request for the Boys Camp Road Property is now closed and they have received reimbursement in excess of \$200k. The PARTIF Grant should be completed in March or April. Mr. Murphy reviewed the dredging areas. There will be a Special Town Council Meeting on January 7, 2020 and the Boardwalk will be discussed at that time. Mr. Murphy mentioned that there is work being done at the Gazebo Boardwalk where fill is being used to support some weak areas. Mr. Murphy stated that former Mayor Cooley will have a Memorial Bench dedicated to him at Morse Park sometime early spring.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock – Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Mr. Czajkoski stated that Carolina Conservancy spent 66 hours on WPM Trail doing maintenance work. 42 hours of volunteer work and 24 hours of staff time were spent improving the switchbacks and clearing trees. Callia Johnson (AmeriCorps Trails Coordinator for Town of Lake Lure and for Rutherford County Outdoor Coalition) is on vacation but will send trail counter numbers when she returns. Mr. Czajkoski also reviewed with the Board that Smith Rayner, the NC State Trail Planner will hold two meetings. Mr. Czajkoski encouraged the Board to attend one or both of the meetings. Mr. Dittmer planned on attending and reviewing the Summit Trail with Ms. Rayner in hopes they can plan this trail.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer reported that Callia Johnson and 6 to 7 other volunteers worked on the Laurel Trail and helped build and alternate extension to Raptor Ridge Trail. Mr. Dittmer mentioned to Mr. Murphy that there was a tree down on Dogwood Trail. Mr. Murphy reported that 691 visitors passed the counter in December, which for the year as an average made about 25 hikers a day on the trail.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey mentioned that the Christmas lights have been taken down. The Donation Boxes have been redesigned and they are one-half of the way to getting the cameras hooked into the Police Department for monitoring. Mr. Massey reported that they are in the process of purchasing another trail counter.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Minick reported that there had been 371 rounds of golf played in December (141 more than the highest record) which totaled 6251 for the year (1176 more than the highest record). There had been 458 rounds of foot golf played in 2019. Mr. Minick mentioned he is continuing work on the #9 green and that the Disc Golf planners will be out to lay out a permanent course and he will see if that plan would have any interference with any regular golfing.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters felt that Mr. Murphy had sufficiently covered the goings on in Morse Park during his presentation. Mr. Walters was excited to see the work being done and feels that this is opening the gateway to the Morse Park Master Plan.

Boys Camp Road Property – Mrs. Moe Bay

Mrs. Bay felt that Mr. Murphy also had covered updates on the Boys Camp Road Property during his presentation. Mrs. Bay discussed The Rumble rock climbing event taking place in February. She mentioned that the Town and the Chamber had a good plan on involving area vendors such as hoteliers and restaurant owners. Mrs. Bay stated that she will bring final report to the Board in February before the event.

Town Staff Liaisons

Mrs. Laura Krejci mentioned that the events are all listed on the Town of Lake Lure website and mentioned how to access it.

Mr. Ed Dittmer brought up the Open Space Plan and mentioned that it needed to be updated. He asked the Board Members to review the last plan that was completed in 2014 and bring any recommendations Mr. Murphy.

Input from Town Council Liaison – Mr. Patrick Bryant

Mr. Bryant appreciated this opportunity to be a liaison to the Board and was looking forward to assisting the Board.

Discussion and Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters

Mr. Jeff Geisler and Mr. Josh Munn briefly discussed efforts of Rumbling Bald Resort creating a new “Get Outside” drive for residents to discover all that Lake Lure has for them outdoors. They would like the Town to partner with them.

Adjournment

Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m. Mr. Minick seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be February 6, 2020 at 1:30 pm. In the Town of Lake Lure Town Hall.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman


Kat Canant, Recording Clerk