



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

March 5, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the March 5, 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
Dan Bragdon

Board Members absent:

Martyn Watts

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
Dean Givens, Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

Others in Attendance:

Wade Opplinger
Callia Johnson, AmeriCorps

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the March 5, 2020 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Dittmer requested the addition of the Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan discussion. Mr. Minick made the motion to approve the agenda with amendments and Mr. Czajkoski seconded it. All were in favor.**

The Minutes of the January 2, 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.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion

Parks, Recreation & Lake February 2020 Report – Mr. Garrett Murphy

Mr. Murphy reviewed reports with the Board. Ms. Bay inquired about Boys Camp Road property status regarding the future campground. Mr. Murphy disclosed that the Town is pursuing an alternative plan for PARTF due to the need to decrease debt owed by the Town. Mr. Givens also discussed the financial aspects of the property. Mr. Bryant made mention of the Local Government Committee and their income to debt ratio assessment. More discussion regarding funds occurred. Ms. Bay inquired about the current PARTF site plan for the property. Mr. Murphy said he would email the information. Mr. Murphy discussed the need to update the Town's Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan. Mr. Czajkoski suggested that a subcommittee be formed for the process. Further discussion regarding the type of committee to be formed, and the need to create an unofficial subcommittee was agreed upon by the board.

Parks and Recreation Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Bragdon discussed revenue producing programs and the idea of the Town hiring an intern to implement the programs. Mr. Bragdon also mentioned various ideas regarding potential programs that could be monetized. Mr. Dittmer added the idea of including the Lake Lure Golf Club property for programs. Mr. Murphy suggested that Lake Lure Classical Academy could implement athletic programs. Mr. Minick made mention that there are opportunities at the golf course for programming as well. Ms. Johnson added to the conversation that programs should last thirty minutes to one hour in duration. Mr. Murphy made mention of the budget in relation to planning for the lake lure golf club property for July 1. Mr. Minick also mentioned there are currently programs available at the golf course that are not being marketed. Mr. Bragdon closed the conversation and said he would look into how to implement an internship.

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

Mr. Czajkoski discussed trail counter numbers from Weed Patch Mountain trail. Conserving Carolina reported light trail hours on the trail, with 22 total hours on Weed Patch Mountain trail in February. January had a total of 15.5 hours for the month. Mr. Czajkoski also mentioned the trail was clear, tread excellent, and access clear.

Ms. Johnson mentioned that Buffalo Creek Park Loop Trail head is in great condition, and that two trail work days are planned for next month.

Mr. Czajkoski inquired about future funding for the Buffalo Creek Park Trail parking area. Mr. Murphy reviewed funding issues, and that Rumbling Bald Resort could expand their parking area for the trail. Discussion occurred and Ms. Krejci and Mr. Murphy discussed the grants.

Mr. Czajkoski also discussed Weed Patch Mountain trail and the recent work proposal from Conserving Carolina. Mr. Murphy discussed the document. Mr. Givens discussed the Town's benefit of hiring another employee for trail maintenance. Mr. Czajkoski confirmed that the board would be able to vote on the topic before it was finalized, and further discussion occurred.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer discussed the status of the trails and that there were 473 hiker counts for the month.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey mentioned a new trail counter has been ordered. Mr. Massey shared with the board that the theme on the bridge for April is "bunnies" He also mentioned new security cameras have been installed, as well as lighting improvements, and that there will be an Earth Day event for kids.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Minick reported that there had been 241 golfers in February, with 10 new members added in 2020. Mr. Minick said he would be working with disc golfers regard to future course layout. Mr. Minick also discussed maintenance issues and incoming apparel orders.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters mentioned the progress being made in Morse Park. He also discussed the HGTV Main Street Makeover application that has been submitted in conjunction with Chimney Rock Village. Mr. Massey inquired about floating docks, and Mr. Givens provided anticipated dates of completion. Mr. Dittmer inquired about boat trailer parking issues and Mr. Walters inquired about the local rowing club's needs as well.

Mr. Opplinger brought his thoughts to the meeting regarding rowing in Lake Lure. Discussion occurred regarding future needs of their organization, and a review of how rowing could benefit the Town. Mr. Opplinger mentioned the idea of rowing camps for adults, and mentioned a future proposal for the Town to come.

The "Rumble" Event Post Review- Mrs. Moe Bay

Mrs. Bay discussed the 2020 Rumble. 200 competitors and 50 volunteers came to the event, and approximately 40 people camped in Morse Park.

Town Staff Liaisons

Mr. Bryant had to leave earlier due to a scheduling conflict.

Discussion and Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters

No further discussion occurred.

Adjournment

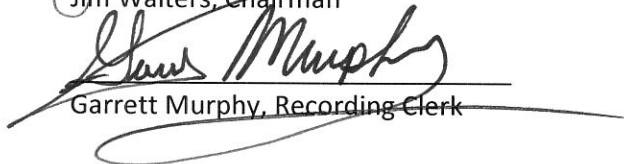
Mr. Czajkoski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m. Mr. Minick seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be April 2, 2020 at 1:30 pm. In the Town of Lake Lure Town Hall.

ATTEST:



Jim Walters, Chairman



Garrett Murphy, Recording Clerk