



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the August 6, 2020 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:35 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman

Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Martyn Watts

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman

Ms. Maureen Bay

Board Members absent:

Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Dan Bragdon, Alternate

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Town Council Members present:

Commissioner Patrick Bryant

Other Town Staff Present:

Laura Krejci, Town of Lake Lure Communications Specialist

Ms. Dana Bradley – Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Trails Coordinator

Others in Attendance:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the August 6, 2020 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to approve the Agenda with as is. Mr. Massey seconded and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the July 2, 2020 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Minutes as. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion

Parks, Recreation & Lake Report – Ms. Dana Bradley

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Parks, Recreation and Lake July 2020 Report (attached). Ms. Bradley stated that parks signs have been ordered.

Ms. Bay inquired about the trash boom for Pool Creek. Ms. Bradley stated she would get with Mr. Givens regarding the boom. Ms. Bay asked how many boat slips were remaining. Commissioner Bryant answer that there were 22 remaining that had not been leased.

Ms. Bradley continued with informing the Board that she had been out scouting the Luremont Trail and she felt it should be very low cost to get the trail cleared and open. The Board reviewed their discussions throughout the years dealing with the desire to open this trail. Mr. Watts suggested Ms. Bradley get with Mr. Clint Calhoun for GIS coordinates as they had already walked the trail for these coordinates. The Board brought Ms. Bradley up to date with their knowledge of the trail layout and that there were residences along the trail where the owners wished for signs to be erected stating which land was private and what was public for the hikers. Ms. Bradley will follow up with the information given. She will be walking the trail this next week with ROC and will bring back her findings. She is hoping they can get the trail up and operating by the end of the year. The Board was very pleased with her dedication to do this as they had worked years to attempt the same.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weed Patch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock – Ms. Dana Bradley

Mr. Czajkoski was not present but Ms. Bradley reviewed the trails by stating there would be a work day on The BCP Trail on September 8th. They had completed a work day on July 14th where they worked on trail markers and erosion repairs. There was discussion of other trail repairs and fallen trees cleared. Ms. Bradley reviewed the trail counters for the BCP Trail and mentioned that it was a great month for trail walkers and cyclists. Ms. Bradley also discussed that Weed Patch Mountain had a work day on July 17th where they performed trail marker maintenance as well as removed three large trees that had fallen. Ms. Bradley spoke highly of the volunteers for all the work they've done. Ms. Bradley discussed the Trail to Eagle Rock with the exception of the section to the top and the entrance, completed. Ms. Bradley mentioned how beautiful that trail is and encourage hiking it to see the views. There was discussion of trail maintenance and that Conserving Carolina will continue the management of same. There is a scheduled work day on August 12th. Ms. Bradley reviewed the trail counter numbers for these trails and there was further discussion. (attached spreadsheet)

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer removed three downed trees recently on the trail. He discussed the erosion on the trail toward the Mt. Vista Trail. Ms. Bradley stated she has scheduled Tim Edwards to come work on the trail and to remove the beaver dam which is causing some flooding. Mr. Edwards will also work on some other areas that need attention. Ms. Bradley has scheduled a work day for the trails on August 16th.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey thanked Ms. Bradley for installing the trail counter and reviewed the spreadsheet (attached spreadsheet). Mr. Massey was happy to report that the Flowering Bridge now has its own address and is registered on Google Maps. They have also received \$3000 from a grant awarded to them by the TDA. Workers are making sure that the COVID-19 measures of wearing a mask is obeyed. The theme of "Here comes the Sun" has been well received and they are looking at having a silent auction to auction of some of the artistic pieces

that are a part of this theme. Mr. Massey discussed the disposal of old plant materials by using a bin and having it taken from the property when the bin is full. The National Horticultural Society has now recognized the Flowering Bridge as a Garden Member which means the listing for the bridge will be published in their magazine. Mr. Massey mentioned that donations are currently increasing as well as the sprinkler issue is going to be fixed by removing the location of the head as it seems it's in an area that visitors keep stepping on.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Minick was not present however in an email sent to the Board it was mentioned that in July there were 1233 rounds of golf and 100 rounds of foot golf. The Disc Golf Tournament will be held in September.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters discussed how busy the park has been now that the Water Walk is open and people are wanting to do more things outdoors at the Marina and Park. Mr. Walters spoke of all the features and finding a way to monetize it.

Mr. Watts suggested opening the Boys Camp Road area for fishing from the banks. The Board discussed this and stated that due to parking issues and drainage issues, there would be no place to park. There was continued discussion regarding same.

Parks and Recreation Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Bragdon was not present.

Additional Parks and Recreation Discussion Items – Ms. Moe Bay and Mr. Martyn Watts

Ms. Bay suggested putting up donation boxes in Morse Park and the other trails. She stated the funds could go into the Park & Recreation fund. Mr. Massey mentioned that it's difficult to manage these boxes as the funds would have to be collected daily to avoid theft. He also mentioned cameras would need to be installed. There was further discussion. Mr. Massey suggested it would be a great idea in Morse Park to erect signage identifying the plants and flowers. Mr. Walters mentioned that in order for the PRB to collect money several things would need to be looked into. There was further discussion into ways to bring money in from the area parks. Commissioner Bryant will check with the town finance department as well as the town attorney. There was further discussion regarding that this might keep funds from the Flowering Bridge.

Ms. Bay inquired as to why the US Flags had not been put up on the roadway poles yet. Ms. Bradley stated she would look into this. Ms. Bay also inquired into having Melodie Potter who works in the Parks and Recreation Department, attend meetings again as having her there was informative for the Board. There was discussion of Ms. Potter being present once a quarter and Ms. Bradley stated she would get with Ms. Potter on this request.

Discussion and Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters

Ms. Laura Krejci mentioned town fireworks that were schedule for July 3rd were rescheduled for Monday, Labor Day.

Commissioner Bryant discussed the recent Community Forum and felt that it was a great success for opening communication with the townspeople regarding the work on the dam and the sewer system. He gave accolades to Ms. Krejci for her part in making this happen. Commissioner Bryant also mentioned an event that is scheduled at the Beach in September. He also briefly discussed a recent meeting that addressed the dam bridge and its future and the plans DOT is looking at for relocation.

Commissioner Bryant also mentioned the plans for the Dam Hoist that was replaced recently. The Hoist is a piece of the Town's history and there are plans to have it placed downtown on display for visitors to know more about the workings of the dam and this incredible piece of history.

Adjournment

Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. Mr. Watts seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be September 3, 2020 at 1:30 pm. In the Town of Lake Lure Town Hall.

ATTEST:

Jim Walters - by Kat Canant
Jim Walters, Chairman

Kat Canant
Kat Canant, Board Clerk



Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

July 30, 2020

PREPARED FOR:

Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Boardwalk/Marina Project Completed

I. FOLLOW UP

II. OTHER

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

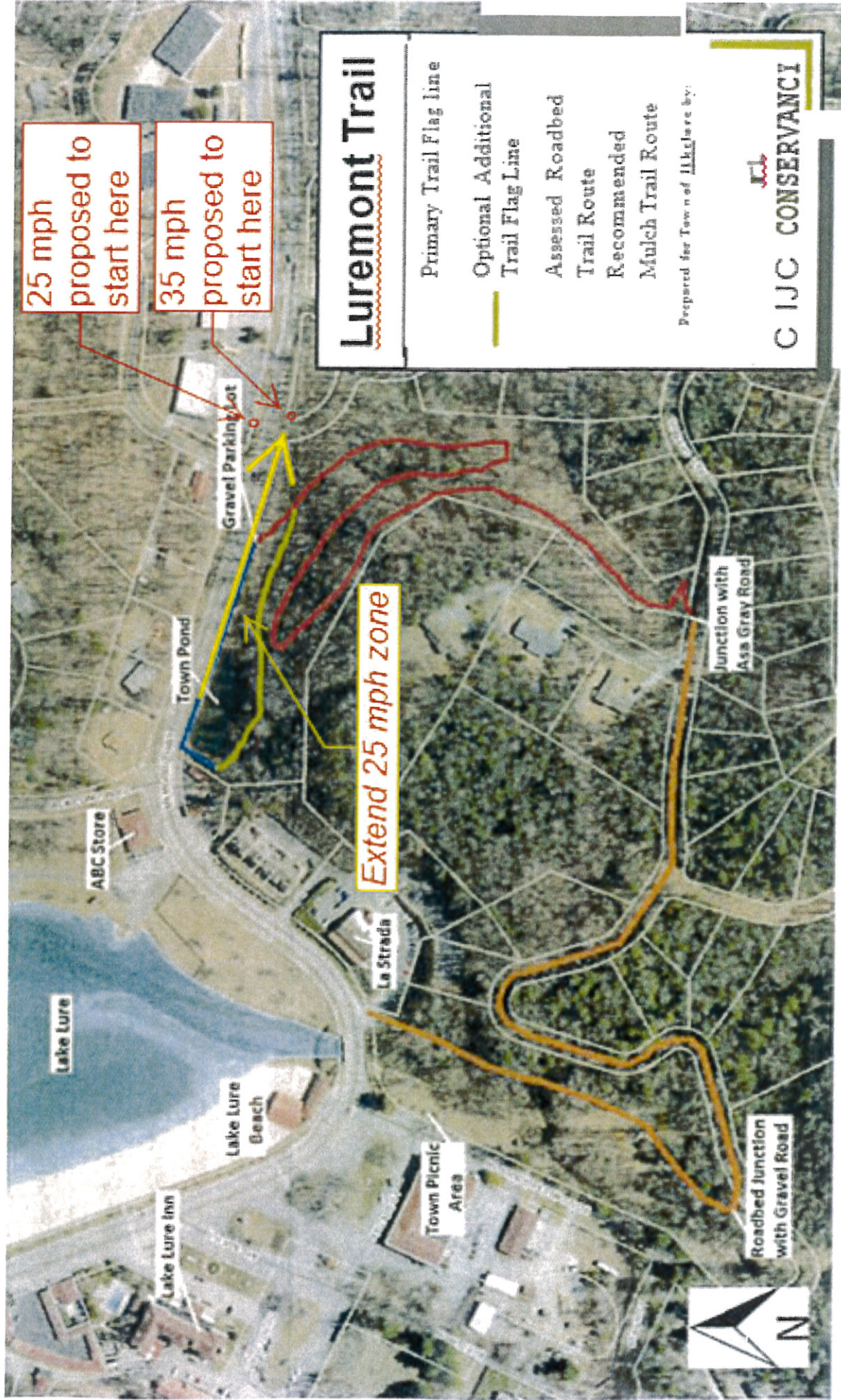
1. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts, and Weed Patch for damage
2. Installed new picnic table at Buffalo Creek Park
3. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 7/14 to loosen trail markers and repair some erosion issues
4. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 7/17 to loosen trail markers and remove several trees
5. Led Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail workday on 7/21 to remove a beaver dam and repair damaged trail
6. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
7. Scouted a section of the Luremont Trail with Martin Watts
8. Worked with Destination by Design on Boys Camp Road project
9. Completed new signage for the boat docks, marina, and boardwalk
10. Installed trail counter for Flowering Bridge
11. Worked on landscaping plan for new boardwalk
12. Worked on naming rights policy
13. Checked trails counters at BCP, Weed Patch, Dittmer-Watts Nature Preserve, and the Flowering Bridge
14. Completed paperwork for new AmeriCorps member, Baily Hornstein
15. Continued working on the dredging grant
16. Worked on creating a Boat Patrol Safety presentation
17. Collected water samples
18. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas.
2. Worked on lake debris clean-up
3. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
4. Mowed amphitheater twice a week
5. Took mower for repairs
6. Placed extra trash cans around town for July 4th weekend
7. Installed new picnic table at Buffalo Creek Park
8. Weed-eated Mulberry Trail at Dittmer-Watts
9. Pruned shrubs blocking drivers views at Hwy. 9
10. Began working on day lilies in Morse Park

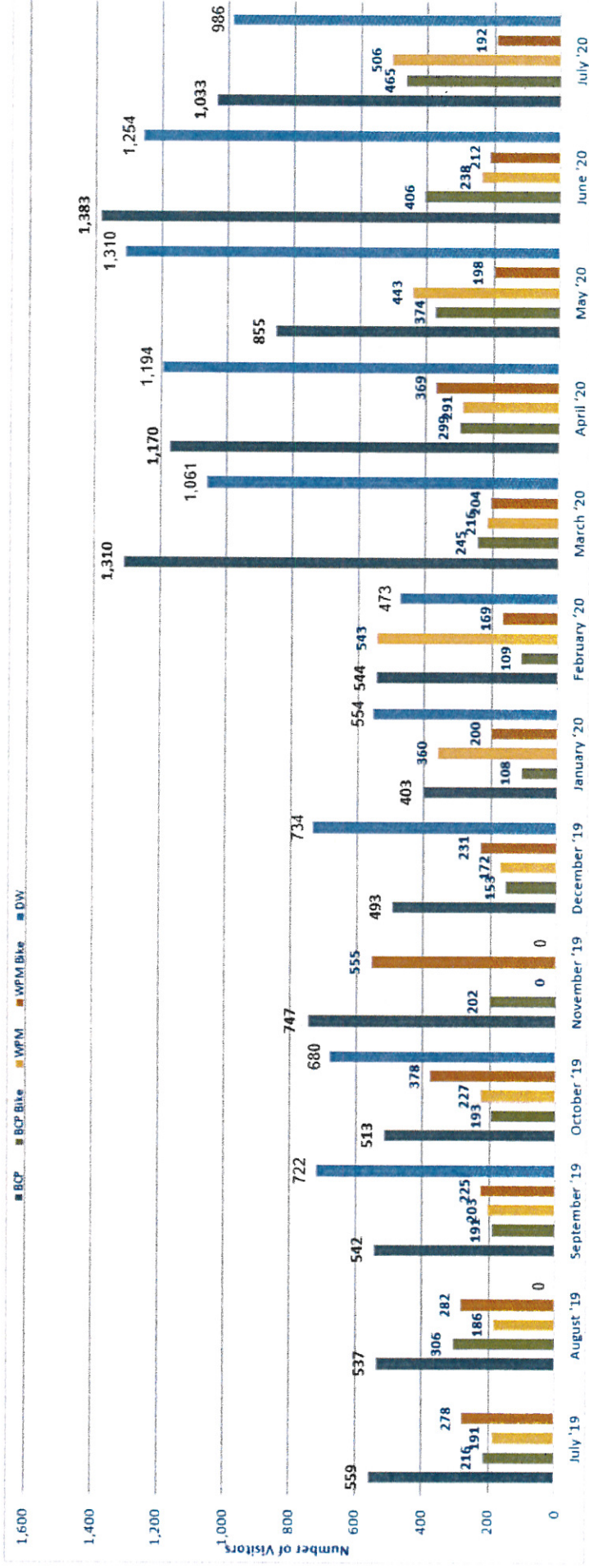
Lake Activities:

1. Boat maintenance
2. Boathouse Maintenance
3. Lake debris clean-up
4. Buoy replacement/maintenance
5. Worked with Hydro/Dam on walkway repairs



Trail Counter Data - Buffalo Creek Park, Weed Patch Mountain, and Dittmer-Watts Trails: July 2020

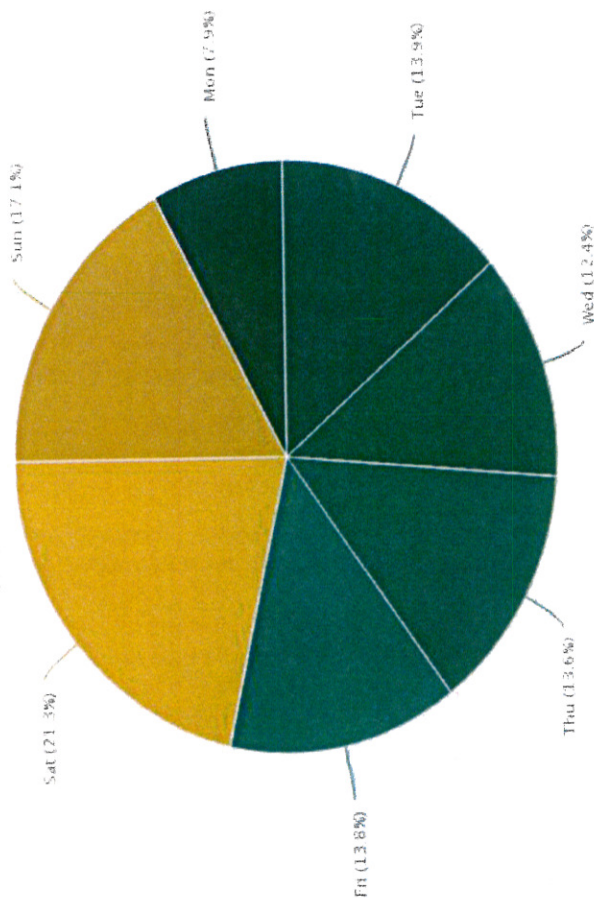
Site	June '19	July '19	August '19	September '19	October '19	November '19	December '19	January '20	February '20	March '20	April '20	May '20	June '20	July '20	Days with data
BCP Loop	513	559	537	542	542	513	747	493	403	524	1,310	1,170	855	1,033	199
BCP Loop Bike	204	216	306	191	191	193	202	153	108	109	245	299	374	465	216
WPM Bike	346	191	186	203	203	227	-	172	360	543	216	291	443	506	164
WPM Hiker	290	278	282	225	225	378	555	231	200	169	204	369	198	192	179
D-W Hiker				771	722	680	948	734	554	473	1,061	1,194	1,310	1,254	218



Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Days with data
2018	LL Flowering Bridge						8,412	23,829	17,368	11,199	14,662	7,051	4,006	206
2019	LL Flowering Bridge	1,248	0	0	0	0	0	0						173
2020	LL Flowering Bridge							7,798						40

Days of the Week

2019-07-21 to 2020-08-03



Site Name	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
LL Flowering Bridge	132.6	234	209.7	229.2	232.2	359.2	288.5

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