



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the October 1, 2020 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:42 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman

Mr. Dan Bragdon, Alternate

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Mr. Bill Massey

Ms. Maureen Bay

Board Members absent:

Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman

Mr. Martyn Watts

Town Council and Officials present:

Commissioner David DiOrio

Mayor Carol Pritchett

Other Town Staff Present:

Laura Krejci, Town of Lake Lure Communications Specialist

Mr. Dean Givens – Director of Parks, Recreation and Lake

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the October 1, 2020 meeting was reviewed. **Mrs. Bay made a motion to approve the Agenda and Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Bragdon made a motion to approve the Minutes and Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Special Topics and Discussion

The Board reviewed the proposed 2021 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting dates. **Mrs. Bay made a motion to approve the 2021 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting dates and Mr. Massey 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 September Report (attached) and introduced Jess Kerr from ROC and Bailey Hornstein the AmeriCorps Project Conserve Trails Coordinator.

Ms. Bradley mentioned that the Youngs Mountain Trail which still belongs to Conserving Carolina is a total distance of 5 miles (2.5 out and back). The trail is not yet complete. After the trail is complete, the plan is for Conserving Carolina to turn the land back over to Rutherford County. The County and the Town of Lake Lure will decide the future of the trail from there. Ms. Bradley also updated the Board regarding work days on Weed Patch Mountain. Ms. Bradley briefly discussed Naming Rights which she sent the draft of the plan, which had been written by Ms. Bay, Mr. Walters and Town employee Garrett Murphy, to Andy Bell who will review and add suggestions.

Ms. Bradley reviewed that she has measured the Buffalo Creek Park Kiosk plexiglass cover, which was vandalized, and get a cost for replacement. Ms. Bay asked about her previous month's suggestion regarding installation of donation boxes on town trails. Ms. Bradley mentioned that it has gone to the attorney to be reviewed. Ms. Bradley will keep the Board posted.

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Parks, Recreation and Lake Projects and mentioned the Boys Camp Road property. After researching dog parks and realizing that the Boys Camp Road property may not be suitable for one, they've sent their recommendations to Town Council. The Council, who has allocated some funds for a dog park, will make a final decision to use the Boys Camp Road property or not. Mr. Bragdon asked Ms. Bradley for an update on the Golf Course Study. Mr. Givens stated that they were analyzing the study and will meet with Council and Mr. Minick to work up a current business model and one for the future.

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

Mr. Czajkoski thanked Ms. Bradley for the trail counter numbers and mentioned he is very happy and sees an upward trend. Ms. Bradley reviewed the work days on Weed Patch Mountain where large fallen trees were now removed. The Saddlewood Access road had also been worked on and is cleared and in good condition for First Responders. The Buffalo Creek Park Trail looks amazing after they repaired some erosion and drainage issues. Ms. Bradley also mentioned that Weed Patch Mountain has a cluster of six newly fallen trees that need to be removed.

There was also a discussion regarding the parking area needed at the Buffalo Creek Park Trailhead and Mr. Czajkoski asked for Ms. Bradley to put that on her action plan list. Ms. Bradley agreed the parking was needed being that the times she's been to the park, cars were parked up and down the roadway.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Ms. Bradley

Ms. Bradley told the Board that she had met with Mr. Dittmer and looked at a new small trail possibility. She mentioned the park looked really good but they were still having problems with a beaver, which has now rebuilt a dam up stream. She mentioned that they will destroy the new dam and may look at the possibility of trapping and relocating the beaver.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey was encouraged to see the trail counter numbers. Ms. Bay discussed an auction that will take place where they will be auctioning off the Sun's displays that had been a part of the decorations. Mr. Massey mentioned some areas that have been worked on by the river bank. He also mentioned a new compost display that will encourage others to try composting.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Minick was not present.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters gave accolades to both Town employees, Carl Landrum and Melody Potter, who have continued to keep Morse Park looking its best and mentioned it is the jewel of the town's parks. Mr. Walters discussed planned paving along the road by the riverbank and mentioned possible grants could be applied for. Mr. Walters stated that the Amphitheatre had been seeded and looks very nice. He also mentioned that there are plans in the works still to fill in part of one of the ponds.

Parks and Recreation Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Bragdon had nothing new to add but mentioned that he will be looking into 2021 for ideas on programs and ways to monetize the parks.

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

Ms. Bay mentioned that she had attempted to put together an art show but got little response. She felt that possibly next year would be a better time when people are more willing to get out after COVID. Ms. Bay also asked about the progress on the Open Space Plan. Mr. Givens mentioned there were no updates.

Discussion and Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters

Mayor Pritchett thanked the Board for the work that they're doing for the town especially now that many people are wanting to get outdoors during COVID.

Ms. Laura Krejci reviewed the Veterans Day event planned at Rumbling Bald. Plans are still be finalized and she will send out information as it's available.

Adjournment

Mr. Massey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be November 4, 2020 at 1:30 pm. In the Town of Lake Lure Town Hall. Meeting place may be changed to using the ZOOM internet system depending on restrictions.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman


Kat Canant, Board Clerk



Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

September 29, 2020

PREPARED FOR:

Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>waiting on grant approval from PARTF</i>	2. PR&L Self-funded - <i>Recommendations to be sent to the Marine Commission in September</i>	3. Morton Property Dredging – <i>Negotiations have stalled</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail has been scouted, permits have been filed, and construction beginning soon</i>	6. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
7. Landscaping at Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Fall 2020</i>	8. Replacement of Storm Water Drain at Marina – <i>Complete</i>	9. Repairs at Buffalo Creek Park - <i>Vandalism</i>
10. Grant for Dredging – <i>Grant paperwork complete – waiting on legal documents</i>	11. Signs for Boardwalk/Marina and parks – <i>New marina and BCP signs being designed</i>	12. SOP for PR&L Maintenance – <i>Working with Melodie to create detailed SOP</i>
13. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	14. Locate Sewer Lines - <i>Dredging purposes</i>	15. Dredge Plan for 2020 – <i>Complete</i>
16. Spillway in Small Pond across from ABC Store – <i>Water is overtopping when</i>	17. Amphitheater Grass – <i>Reseeding Complete</i>	18. Deep Water Launch – <i>Create for allowing equipment to launch during lake drawdown</i>

<i>heavy storms come through</i>		
19. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	20. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>	21. Camera System for Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Complete</i>
22. Naming Rights – <i>Working to establish policy</i>	23. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>	24. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Assisted in training the new AmeriCorps member, Baily Hornstein
2. Attended Basic Law Enforcement Training 5 nights a week
3. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
4. Scouted Youngs Mountain Trail in Lake Lure with Conserving Carolina on 9/18 – trail is nearly complete
5. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 9/6 to remove several trees that had fallen near Eagle Rock
6. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 9/15 to repair erosion issues and remove fallen trees
7. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 9/23 to remove several trees that had fallen
8. Cleared fallen trees and obstacles from Saddlewood Emergency Access for Weed Patch Mountain Trail
9. Ordered some new signs for Buffalo Creek Park and Weed Patch Mountain
10. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
11. Met with Travis Smith about kudzu control at Boys Camp Road
12. Spoke with Andy Bell regarding Lake Lure Naming Rights Policy – revisions are in progress
13. Completed Luremont Trail permits and sent to Mitchell Anderson
14. Worked on design for Boys Camp Road project
15. Worked on landscaping plan and plant order for new boardwalk
16. Checked trails counters at BCP, Weed Patch, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and the Flowering Bridge
17. Collected water samples
18. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
2. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
3. Put out extra trash cans for Labor Day
4. Extra heavy trash pick-up after Labor Day
5. Sprayed round up on parking area at boat house
6. Met with Dana about Fall decorations
7. Pruning in Morse Park Gardens - removed Kwanza cherry tree that beavers chewed
8. Finished cutting down winterberry hollies in Morse Park Gardens
9. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with Clorox
10. Began decorating for Fall

Lake Activities:

1. Boat maintenance
2. Lake debris clean-up
3. Buoy replacement/maintenance
4. Preparing to send out commercial boat permit applications

I. FOLLOW UP

1. Luremont Trail: All necessary permits to begin construction on the new Luremont Trail have been applied for. We hope to break ground on this new trail in October.
2. Boys Camp Road: A final concept design is being drawn up and project construction will begin after this plan is completed and approved.
3. Dredging Grant: The written portion of the grant is completed and the grant will be submitted after the Town adopts a No Conflict of Interest Policy and it can be submitted, along with the grant.
4. Naming Rights Policy: We will continue to gather information for drafting a Naming Rights Policy for Town properties.
5. Lake Lure Trails: Work days will be held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained.

II. OTHER

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	16,105	17,342				98

Trail Counter Data - Buffalo Creek Park, Weed Patch Mountain, and Dittmer-Watts Trails: September 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	August '20	September '20	Days with data
BCP Loop	815	553	527	542	543	513	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	543	255
BCP Loop Bk	204	216	308	181	183	202	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	273
WPM Blue	345	181	185	203	227	277	277	277	277	277	277	277	277	277	277	277	273
WPM Hike	236	278	282	225	378	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	273
Dittmer-Watts	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	278	273

