



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2021 via ZOOM

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the January 7, 2021 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Mr. Robin Worcester

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Maureen Bay

Mr. Mark Hoek, Alternate

(It is noted that Mr. Dittmer was present on ZOOM, however was unable to communicate.)

Board Members absent:

Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Dan Bragdon

Town Council and Officials present:

Councilman Christopher 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the February 7, 2021 meeting was reviewed. **Mrs. Bay made a motion to approve the Agenda and Mr. Czajkoski seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed. **Mrs. Bay made a motion to approve the Minutes and Mr. Czajkoski seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Special Topics – Presentation & Discussion

Board Members had previously reviewed an emailed update of the 2021 Board Meeting Calendar in which the wording of “Virtual” was added for location of meetings via ZOOM. ***All members agreed to the change.***

Mr. Walters welcomed new members Mr. Robin Worcester and Mr. Mark Hoek.

Mr. Walters mentioned that the Board needed to vote for the Chairman and Vice Chairman. He offered his services for another term and the Board was happy with his decision and **All were in Agreement** to have Mr. Walters serve another term.

Mr. Walters stated that due to the technical difficulties with Mr. Dittmer's ZOOM connection, he felt that the Board needed to wait until the February meeting to verify he would like to serve another term, however he has spoken with Mr. Dittmer and knew he would serve another term. The topic was tabled until February.

Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion

Parks, Recreation & Lake Report – Ms. Dana Bradley

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Parks, Recreation and Lake Report. (Attached) She also reviewed the landscaping work that has been done around the Marina. There was 110 Volunteer hours for the month of December which Ms. Bradley was very happy with and expressed her thanks to the many volunteers. There was discussion regarding Mrs. Krejci posting the Volunteer Days on the website, which she did state there were 224 people who actually "hit" on that posting this last month,

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

Mr. Czajkoski reviewed the trail counters and commented on the continued trend of people using outdoors during the pandemic. He also mentioned that he has sent a packet to Mr. Bradley in regards to the Buffalo Creek Trailhead parking lot, which included a rendering drawn up by Vic Knight as well as the Agreement between the State of North Carolina and the Town of Lake Lure agreeing to use the 1 acre lot as trailhead parking. Ms. Bradley acknowledged the package and thanked Mr. Czajkoski. She will get with RJ Legacy for funding options. She also understood that the Park and Rec Board has been on board with these plans. Mr. Walters and Mr. Czajkoski both agreed that these plans had the blessing of the Board.

Ms. Bradley reviewed work days on the trails stating that leaves and some small trees were removed. There will be another work day on January 27th. Ms. Bradley was happy with the way the trails look. She also mentioned new signage that she is working on for the new kiosk. There was discussion of past sign usage and what contractor was hired that will have information on colors/fonts, etc. Mrs. Krejci said that she would look through the Signage file for this information and get with Ms. Bradley. Ms. Bradley thanked Mr. Worcester for being the "Trail Boss" and his hard work on the trails.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer was unable to communicate through ZOOM. Ms. Bradley informed the Board of the Work Day in December where trees were removed and they have looked at rerouting of some trails in the future. The next Work Day is January 12th at 8am.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey was not present however Mr. Hoek mentioned that the Flowering Bridge looks great and mentioned that they had a new shed and new exhibits.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters stated that the new landscaping looks very nice as well as the amphitheater. He discussed the area of the trail by the riverside that they are still looking to get paved in the future.

Boys Camp Road Park Planning – Carolina Coalition Rumble Mrs. Moe Bay

There is no new news on BCR. Mrs. Bay reviewed information she had on the Carolina Coalition Rumble. Due to the pandemic, the organizer has decided to make it a virtual event, which will not be bringing them to Lake Lure.

She additionally mentioned that no date had been set yet. The Coalition are doing an events at Chimney Rock State Park where they will be working on two new trails which will make it easier to access the bouldering fields. Those events are on January 15th and January 16th and if anyone wanted any further information they should contact Mike Reardon.

Parks & Recreation Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Bragdon was not present.

Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Christopher Patrick Bryant

Commissioner Bryant was happy seeing that the trails are staying open and that the trail counters bare the same information. He reviewed the Town Council workshop where there was discussion on the Capital Improvement Plans. He explained why the Town was lowering the lake 1ft per day as well as the dredging plans for the river area and that they will take that time to locate a sewer line that has worked its way under the silt. Commissioner Bryant further reviewed the budget meeting with the Board and thanked Mrs. Krejci for her work on the Town website, namely making sure the agendas of all meetings were posted.

Mrs. Krejci inquired if any trails would be closing during inclement weather. Ms. Bradley stated the trails have signs to remind hikers/bikers to be safe during rain and snow events. She told Mrs. Krejci that she would let her know of any trail closings.

Mrs. Bay inquired of Councilman Bryant if he had heard anything regarding the monetization of any of the Town's property. Councilman Bryant explained that he had spoken to Attorney Morgan and through this conversation, he felt there may be issues with being able to audit and funds and the accountability that come through donation boxes on Town property. He explained further and suggested he talk to the League of Municipalities for further verification, but felt there may be further obstacles. He will speak with Mayor Pritchett as well. He explained that while the Town was looking for ways to increase revenue, they had asked the Lake Advisory Board to help with this task as well as the Parks and Rec Board, but he felt that the Parks and Rec Board faced more challenges with monetizing. He explained that Council certainly understands that.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fireworks celebrating the New Year. It was regarded as some of the best the Town has had.

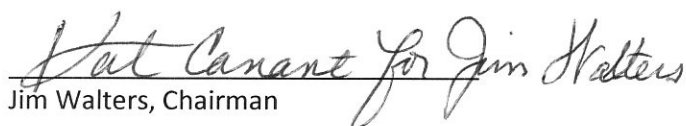
Ms. Hornstein with Rutherford County Coalition also thanked Mr. Worcester and others for their work on the Trails.

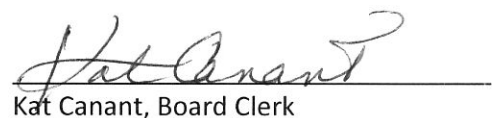
Adjournment

Mr. Czajkoski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m. Mrs. Bay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be February 4, 2021 at 1:30 pm. It is currently scheduled to be a ZOOM internet meeting.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman


Kat Canant, Board Clerk



Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

December 27, 2020

PREPARED FOR:

Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>Not selected for PARTF funding – Reapplying during next grant cycle</i>	2. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail scouted; permits filed; Plan approved by Parks and Rec. Board, legal opinion received; next steps being discussed</i>	3. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. SOP for PR&L Maintenance – <i>Working with Melodie to create detailed SOP; January through April complete</i>	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Landscaping at Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Installed large trees and shrubs; smaller plants being installed soon</i>	8. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	9. Seeking Grants for Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion
10. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	11. Deep Water Launch – <i>Create for allowing equipment to launch during lake drawdown</i>	12. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>
13. Locate Sewer Lines - <i>Dredging purposes</i>	14. Amphitheater Grass – <i>Reseeding Complete</i>	15. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>
16. Naming Rights – <i>Working to establish policy</i>	17. Grant for Dredging – <i>Complete</i>	18. Commercial Boat Permit Model – <i>Approved</i>

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Attended Basic Law Enforcement Training 5 nights a week
2. Continued working on initial packet for RHI Legacy Foundation grant for potential funding for BCP parking lot expansion and, possibly, the pedestrian bridge for the Luremont Trail
3. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
4. Led Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail workday on 12/4 to remove fallen trees – 6 volunteers; 18 volunteer hours
5. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 12/8 to remove a fallen tree, blow leaves from the extension, and repair eroded areas – 4 volunteers; 20 volunteer hours
6. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 12/15 to rake leaves off the trail and clean out water diversions – 6 volunteers; 30 volunteer hours
7. Recruited volunteers to clear 2 fallen trees from Weed Patch Mountain Trail on 12/18 – 2 volunteers; 10 volunteer hours
8. Recruited 2 volunteers to remove remaining leaves from Buffalo Creek Park Trail on 12/19 and 12/20 – 2 volunteers; 12 volunteer hours
9. Partnered with Public Works to unload the large trees/shrubs for the marina landscaping and get them installed
10. Helped with layout for marina landscaping; smaller plants being installed soon
11. Recruited a volunteer to help with installation of marina landscaping – 1 volunteer, 6 volunteer hours
12. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
13. Updates/revisions are in progress for the Lake Lure Naming Rights Policy
14. Checked trails counters
15. Recruited volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 12 volunteer hours
16. Utilized a total of 108 volunteer hours
17. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
2. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
3. Removed locust tree at Dittmer/Watts trail head
4. Helped unload marina landscaping material from delivery trucks and stage trees/plants for installation
5. Began installation of landscape beds at Washburn Marina and south end of boardwalk
6. Worked on SOP
7. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with bleach

Lake Activities:

1. Boat maintenance
2. Lake debris clean-up
3. Buoy replacement/maintenance
4. Commercial boat permit model approved

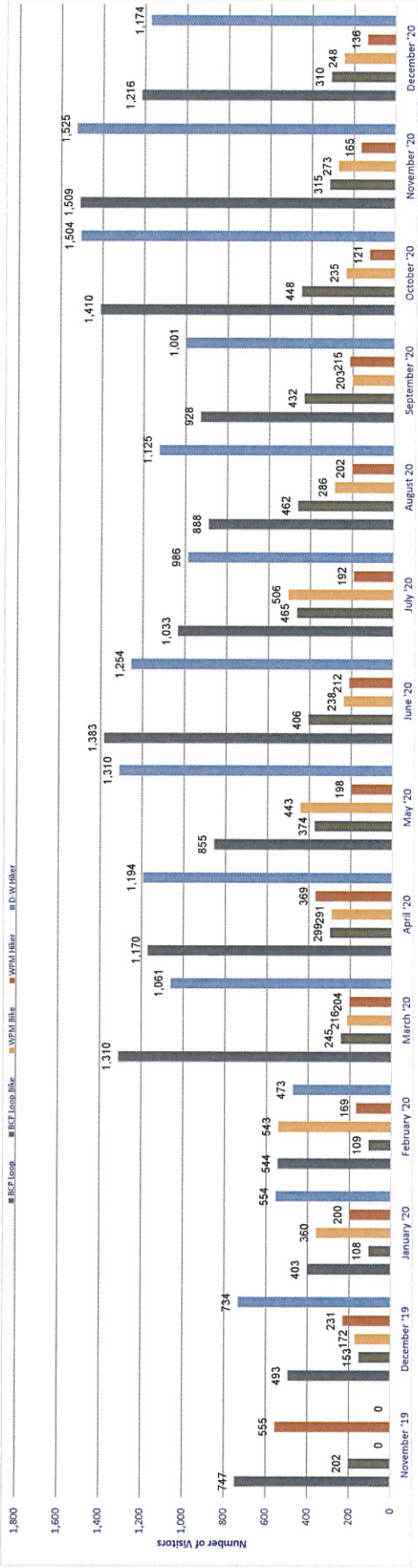
I. FOLLOW UP

1. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; legal opinion received; next steps being discussed
2. Boys Camp Road: We were not selected for PARTF funding this year; reapplying in 2021
3. Dredging Grant: Grant submitted; waiting on approval
4. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for Naming Rights Policy for Town properties
5. Lake Lure Trails: Work days held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained

II. OTHER

TRAIL COUNTER DATA - Buffalo Creek Park, Weed Patch Mountain, and Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails: December 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	October '20	November '20	December '20	Days with data
BCP	513	559	537	542	513	747	493	403	544	1,310	1,170	855	1,383	1,033	888	928	1,410	1,509	1,218	349
BCP Loop	204	216	306	191	191	202	153	108	109	245	299	374	406	465	465	462	432	448	315	310
BCP Loop Bike	346	191	186	203	227	-	-	172	360	543	216	291	443	238	506	286	203	235	273	248
WPM	290	278	282	282	225	378	555	231	200	169	204	369	198	212	192	202	215	121	165	136
WPM Hiker																				
D-W Hiker	771*			722	680	948	734	554	473	1,061	1,061	1,194	1,310	1,254	986	1,125	1,001	1,504	1,525	1,174



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