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**MINUTES OF THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JULY 12, 1993 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE  
LAKE LURE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Priscilla Doyle  
Commissioner Bill Bush  
Commissioner Jack Donovan  
Commissioner Max Lehner  
  
Thomas M. Hord, Town Manager

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Alex Karr

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Council met jointly with the Lake Advisory Committee to discuss ongoing and future projects.

Members present of the Lake Advisory Committee were as follows: Bob Washburn, Chairman, Dick Beeson, Mary Ann Dotson, Jack Powell, and Dick Weaver.

Jack Powell, member of the Lake Advisory Committee, gave a report on the status of stocking the lake. Stocking of the lake requires a lot of study. However, orders must be made early in order to allow for stocking in the fall. Mr. Powell is willing to investigate and hopefully have recommendations to present at the next Lake Advisory Committee Meeting to be held in August.

The Lake Advisory Committee expressed concern about the issuance of boat permits and requested that all questions on the permits be answered completely and in a neat manner for future reference.

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The Committee feels concern regarding the validity of state registrations. The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regulating Boating, Fishing and Water Safety on Lake Lure" states that no pontoon boat longer than 28 feet in length, nor any other type boat longer than 20 feet, will be permitted on Lake Lure. The state boat registration lists the length of the boat, but the Committee was concerned that some registrations may be falsified in regard to length. The Committee would like to see the lake permits strictly enforced and if boats are out of compliance, then make sure they are taken off the lake.

Mr. Hord gave a brief dredging update. Dredging will most likely continue when the lake level starts down. Follow-up procedures are being conducted. However, no dredging is underway at this time. Dick Weaver, Lake Advisory Committee member, recommended that Council be encouraged to hire and train one or two persons, at the earliest opportunity, to continue on with a normal dredging program.

The question arose as to why the lake has to be lowered every year. The lake is lowered every year in order to give persons, owning property on the lake, a chance to do repairs, etc. to their property. It also gives the Town a chance to do whatever work is necessary that cannot be done when the lake level is up. At present, when the lake level is down, repairs are being completed on manholes.

Council discussed fishing tournaments which are held on Lake Lure. The Lake Advisory Committee is concerned about the potential impact of fishing tournaments and contests on the lake. The Committee is concerned about the safety of boaters in regard to high boat speeds from one fishing location to another and the safety of the fish population because improper handling of fish makes catch and release ineffectual.

Council requested that the Lake Advisory Committee provide guidelines for tournaments, etc., on the lake and present to Council for consideration.

The Lake Advisory Committee requested that Council replace a badly dilapidated sign on Memorial Point which reads on one side, "Slow, No Wake Speed" and on the other side, "Leaving No Wake Speed Area". In conjunction

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with the replacement of the sign, the Committee also recommended placement of signs at both bridges over the lake. Complaints of frequent violators of the no wake speed often come from residents who live near the Yacht Club Island Bridge and the Tryon Cove Bridge.

For the Yacht Club Island Bridge, the Committee recommends "Slow, No Wake Under Bridge" to be hung on both sides under the bridge. For the Tryon

Cove Bridge, the Committee recommends on the side of the bridge facing the main body of the lake, a sign to read "Slow No Wake Speed in Cove", and on the side of the bridge facing the cove, a sign to read, "Leaving No Wake Speed Area". The Committee feels that these measures will help to remind boaters to use a safe speed when passing under the bridges and that this will make these areas safer for residents.

Council requested that the Town Manager check with the State to find out what the regulations are for posting signs on bridges.

A calcium monitoring program will be done one time yearly, preferably July or August, to determine the calcium consistency in the lake. This testing will help determine whether or not the Zebra Mussel can survive and reproduce in Lake Lure waters. Hydrologic, located in Asheville NC, and present testing site for the drinking water and wastewater will be requested to test the lake water, and a copy of the results will be presented to the Lake Advisory Committee.

Mr. Hord reported that the Town's radio system and repeater is in place. However, we are unable to use the system until we receive FCC License approval. The license is expected within a few days.

Mr. Hord also reported that a fireboat for Lake Lure has been budgeted for in the 1993-94 budget.

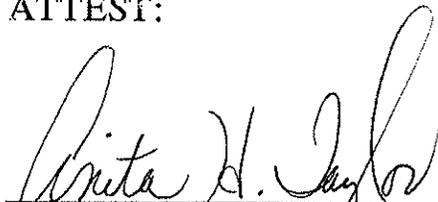
The Lake Advisory Committee commented that they were very happy with the results of the fireworks celebration which was held Saturday, July 3, 1993. There were fewer problems than ever before on the lake and in the area.

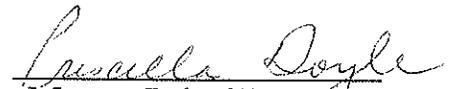
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The Lake Advisory Committee suggested support for Mike Souther, Police Officer, in giving citations for lake violators and to continue giving citations. They would like to see the lake ordinance strictly enforced. They feel that if the law is enforced, people will more readily comply to the ordinance. Therefore, it was the consensus of Council to offer support in enforcing the ordinance.

With no further items of consideration, Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to adjourn. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

  
Anita H. Taylor, CMC

  
Mayor Priscilla Doyle