

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -



The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 1st day of June, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Joe Pritchett
Gary Hasenfus
Derek Papesh
Dan Breneman
Gary Johnson
Bill Ashman (via phone)
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Clint Calhoun, Environment
Mgmt. Officer

Guests:

Mayor Bob Keith
Blaine Cox
Stephen Webber
Larry Millen

Non-Attending Members:

Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)

Call to Order:

- Chairperson Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Approval of the agenda:

- It was the consensus of the board to approve the agenda as amended adding discussion of a request from Privateer Guides concerning operating a commercial tour guide service from a slip leased under special topics.

Approval of the minutes:

- The board unanimously approved the May 4, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Forum:

Blaine Cox, a lakefront property owner, stated that he feels it would have been a good idea to advise property owners prior to the recent lake lowering (the lake was lowered to allow installation of chains at the dam).

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The board discussed ways to ensure that property owners are notified when similar events are to occur including the possibility of notifying cove captains and asking for their assistance in spreading the word.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department – Dean Givens reviewed the department’s report that was sent to board members by email prior to the meeting.

Mr. Givens presented a buoy request from Hubert Pinney of 138 Yacht Island Drive and stated that he does not recommend placement of a new buoy at the proposed location since he does not believe it meets all of the criteria for placement of a new buoy.

After discussion, Bill Ashman made a motion to support the Lake Operations department’s recommendation to deny the buoy request. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and the board unanimously voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Givens requested approval of funding for 40 solar powered lights to be placed on buoys to make them more visible. Mr. Givens explained that these solar lights have been tested on the lake and seem to be a good option. Joe Pritchett made a motion voted to recommend funding of solar powered lights to be installed on buoys at a cost of approximately \$2,400. Gary Hasenfus seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison Report – None

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Mr. Hasenfus stated that during a recent study biologist determined that the thread fin shad stocking has been an effective strategy for the fish population in the lake.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson reported:

- No Report

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman:

- No Report

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett reported:

- No Report

Water Quality – Bill Ashman reported:

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- No Report

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Derek Papesh reported:

- No Report

Other Business

Special Topics

Review Boat Tour Discussion

The board reviewed their recommendation concerning no wake speed discussed during the lake tour at the May meeting. Chairman Helms stated the concessioners (Lake Lure Tours) are writing up a proposed strategy concerning wake during their tours, but that the current no-wake map remains in place.

Discuss Current No-Wake Times

The board briefly discussed the current no-wake times on the lake, but did not recommend any change at this time.

Discuss a Request from Privateer Guides Concerning Operating a Commercial Tour Guide Service from a Slip Leased from the Town

Town Manager Chris Braund presented a request from Mr. Millen, owner of Privateer Guides, concerning proposed operation of a commercial tour guide service from a slip leased from the town.

Bill Ashman suggested that the slips at Washburn Marina should not be leased for commercial business that have that same use as the Town's concessioner.

After discussion, Derek Papesh made a motion to not allow operation of commercial boats from Washburn Marina if the same commercial service is offered by the marina concession. The board feels it creates confusion and may hinder current business operations of the marina operator who has a concession agreement with the town. Bill Ashman seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

After further discussion, the board agreed to allow slips at the ABC store to be leased annually by commercial boat owners on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, these leasers will not be allowed to load and unload commercial passengers at the rented slips.

Discussion:

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Gary Hasenfus mentioned that he has witnessed yard debris being blown into the lake and suggested that the public be reminded that this is not allowed, possibly through an article in the *Breeze*.

The board's chairman, Mark Helms, mentioned that he saw "water mats" on the lake as well as a "blow up treadmill" and asked the board to be thinking about these types of new crafts that are on the lake and the potential need for them to be regulated.

Adjournment:

Gary Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Bill Ashman seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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