

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 6th day of July, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Joe Pritchett
Derek Papesh
Dan Breneman
Gary Johnson
Bill Ashman
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Clint Calhoun, Environment
Mgmt. Officer
Mary Ann Silvey (council
liaison)
Chris Braund (Town Manager)

Guests:

Mayor Bob Keith
Blaine Cox
Stephen Webber
David Lusk
Ester Lusk
Betty Ross

Non-Attending Members:

Gary Hasenfus

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the minutes:

- Derek Papesh made a motion to approve the June 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Joe Pritchett seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

Blaine Cox reported that there have been two jet skis on the lake. The board discussed the jet skis and determined that they are likely 1980s model jet skis that were grandfathered in. The board stated that newer jet skis are not permitted and should not be on the lake.

Mr. Cox also stated that over the July 4th holiday, individuals shooting illegal fireworks were really loud and suggested that these individuals be approached. Lake Operations Director Dean

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Givens stated that due to the large volume of fireworks activity over the holiday it is impossible from a staffing standpoint to reach everyone, but he tries to address those that are lakefront.

David Lusk of Sunset Cove thanked Mr. Givens for relocating a buoy in the area of the lake near his property stating that repositioning the buoy has helped out a lot.

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.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison Report – None

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Mr. Hasenfus was absent but sent the following report: June fishing in general was very good. Black Bass were eating soft plastic baits in 16 to 18 ft. of water. Many anglers have reported good White Bass activity on the surface early morning and late afternoon. The White Bass activity is important in that we have been concerned about their numbers becoming low. Regarding Black Bass, caught fish have been very healthy with few signs of stress.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson reported:

- No Report

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman:

- No Report – touch base next week

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett reported:

- No Report –Mr. Pritchett asked Environmental management officer Clint to provide a brief update on the town’s mining permit that is required for dredging.

Water Quality – Bill Ashman reported:

- No Report – Mr. Ashman pointed out that the surface water temperature has been high due to the hot weather.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Derek Papesh reported:

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- No Report

Other Business

The board discussed tour boat activity on the lake. Mr. Givens pointed out that Lake Lure tours has been asked to present their proposed agreement concerning wake to him during the month of July so it should be ready for review at the board's next meeting.

Discussion of 2016 Boat Permits Rates (Consider Creating a Non-property Owner Commercial Rate for 2016) – The board directed staff to prepare a chart showing boat permit rate changes over the past several year and include a potential Commercial Non-motorized rate for 2016 (using the same ratio of resident to nonresident permit fees in noncommercial permitting).

Consider Requiring Commercial Boat Permit Registrations to Be in the Name of the Commercial License Applicant – The board discussed the tiered rate structure of the commercial boat permit fees (the price per boat increases when multiple boats are permitted for a single company) and stated that permits used for a single company should be under purchased under one business in order for the rate structure to work as intended. The board asked that a letter be drafted to be sent to a commercial boat owner that appears to be getting two licenses for one company. The board also stated that next year this will be noted prior to approval of the commercial licenses.

Adjournment: Bill Ashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Derek Papesh seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk