

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -



The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 6th day of March, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Bill Ashman (by phone)
Gary Johnson (by phone)
Dan Breneman
Sonya Ledford
Joe Pritchett
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Mgmt. Officer
Clint Calhoun, Environmental
Management
Mayor Bob Keith

Non-Attending Members:

Gary Hasenfus
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)

Call to Order:

Chairman Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes:

Joe Pritchett made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Dan Breneman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

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

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Mr. Givens also presented an application that was submitted to request placement of a new buoy at 441 Holmes Road. Mr. Givens stated that in the past the previous owners of the property had also submitted a request for placement of a buoy at the same location and the request was denied. Mr. Givens stated that he does not believe the request meets the requirements for placement of a new buoy and recommended that the buoy placement request be denied. After discussion, Dan Breneman made a motion to deny a request for placement of a buoy at 441 Holmes Road as recommended by the Lake Operations Department. Joe Pritchett seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Special Topics –

Discuss a Potential Fee for all Slips/Moorings on the Lake:

Chairman Helms reviewed a list of potential revenue sources that was drafted in a previous meeting of the board's subcommittee including the option of establishing fees for all commercial boat slips/moorings on the lake. Commissioner Stephen Webber inquired as to what dollar amount the Board would recommend charging for commercial boat slips and cluster moorings. The board asked that council provide a specific dollar amount that needs to be generated through lake fees in order to aid the board in making recommendations for establishing lake related fees. Town Manager Ron Nalley agreed to work with Council to determine a figure during the Town's budget process. Dan Breneman suggested that a fee of \$118 be assessed on all slips on the Lake to raise approximately \$160,000. The board discussed the option, but agreed to consider commercial boat slip fees before considering slips for residential boats.

Chairman Helms suggested that if a fee is established for commercial moorings the board may want to consider creating a reduced rate for slips that house a commercially permitted boat since the fee for commercial boat permits increased significantly this year and commercial boat owners are already paying an annual fee for commercial use of the lake. The board discussed the topic and estimated that around 50-60 of the approximately 339 commercial moorings on the lake moor boats that get commercial boat permits.

The members of the Board discussed the amount they felt would be appropriate to charge for commercial boat slips that would allow commercial businesses to maintain profitable operations on the lake while still compensating the Town of use of the Lake for the mooring. Joe Pritchett made a motion to recommend that the Town assess a fee of \$200 for all boat slips that generate revenue directly or indirectly except those that house commercially permitted boats. Funds paid to the Town for the proposed slip fees should be applied to the Lake Operations Fund primarily for dredging. The board estimated that there are around 283 total marinas and cluster moorings on the Lake based on previous counts. Gary Johnson seconded and the motion carried 4-1. Dan Breneman opposed and Gary Hasenfus was not present to vote.

Review a Citizen Suggestion Concerning Transfer of Town Slip Leases:

Mr. Givens presented a request from Daryl Taylor who suggested that if someone purchases property from a resident who has a Town slip leased that the purchaser of the property be

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allowed to purchase the right to transfer lease of a slip that was leased by the previous property owner.

Following discussion, Dan Breneman made a motion to keep the policy concerning Town slip rentals as it currently is and not allow transfer of slip leases. Joe Pritchett seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Discussion of Dates for Lake Draw Downs:

Chairman Helms explained that he has had questions about potentially starting the Lake lowering a couple weeks earlier the next time it is lowered to allow the Lake start coming back up a little earlier than normal. The Board discussed ways to determine what would be the earliest the Lake could be drawn down without affecting tour boat operations. The board agreed to continue discussion of the topic at a later meeting.

Board Member Areas of Responsibility Reports:

Fishery & Ecosystem – Lake Operations Director Dean Givens read a report sent in by Gary Hasenfus. Mr. Givens stated that 84 trees have been secured in various locations around the Lake and based on the fishery studies thread fin shad will be stocked again this year. Southeast Pond Service will provide again this year at a cost reduced by \$500.

Adjournment: Dan Breneman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Ashman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk