

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

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The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 10th day of July, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Bill Ashman
Gary Johnson
Dan Breneman
Sonya Ledford
Joe Pritchett
Gary Hasenfus
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Clint Calhoun, Environmental Management. Officer
Mayor Bob Keith

Non-Attending Members:

Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.

Call to Order and Agenda Review:

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 June 5, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Gary Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department –The Board discussed the Lake Operations department’s report that was sent to board members by Lake Operations Director Dean Givens prior to the meeting.

Council Liaison – Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported the activities of the Marine Commission and stated that the Marine Commission approved amendments the Lake Use

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Regulations proposed by the Lake Advisory Board, but no action has been taken by the Marine Commission concerning the Lake Advisory Board's recommendation to create fees for commercial slips.

Special Topics –

- a) **Discussion Concerning Dual Permitting of Commercially Permitted Boats –** Chairman Helms read a memo from Lake Operations Director Dean Givens concerning dual permitting of commercial boats. Gary Hasenfus stated that he does not support dual permitting and further stated that in the past the Board has rejected the idea of dual permitting due to potential difficulty for enforcement. The Board discussed the pros and cons of allowing commercial boats to have dual permits and emphasized a need for a definitive penalty for those caught using permits improperly if dual permitting is allowed. Gary Johnson pointed out that if dual permitting was allowed it could potentially allow the Town to sell more boat permits without increasing the number of boats on the Lake since the boats purchasing a second permit would already have Lake access. Chairman Helms explained that boat owners typically do not want renters towing with their boats so if a boat is issued a residential permit as well as a commercial permit it is likely that commercial boat owners would not allow noncommercial use of their boats. Following discussion concerning ways to display permits if boats were permitted twice, the Board agreed to table discussion of the matter until the August 7, 2017 meeting when Lake Operations Director Dean Givens is present to take part in discussion of the topic.

- b) **Review of the Lake Use Regulations Concerning Towing Use by Commercially Permitted Livery Boats –** Chairman Helms explained that during the June, 2017 Marine Commission Meeting, commissioners asked that the LAB consider revisions to the Lake Use Regulations to allow commercial livery boats to tow. The Board expressed safety related concerns associated with allowing commercially permitted livery boats to tow including renters' potential inexperience with boating and concerns about increasing towing activity on the Lake. Gary Johnson made a motion to not recommend an amendment to the Lake Use Regulations and to uphold current regulations by not allowing livery boats to tow. Gary Hasenfus seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Areas of Responsibility Reports:

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus stated that once July comes, fishing is normally not great due to increased boating activity and water temperature increase.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett stated that Council approved \$325,000 in the 2017-2018 budget for dredging and that at least \$300,000 per year must be spent for dredging in order to receive funding from a grant secured by the Town.

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Public Forum

Commissioner Stephen Webber stated that last month the LAB discussed slips in Gray Logs Cove. Commissioner Webber gave background concerning the slips and stated that in 2007 the Town issued an order and based on that order he believes the Town should issue a notice of violation since eight moorings are present where only four moorings were permitted. Environmental Management Clint Calhoun agreed to discuss that matter with the Town Manager.

John Kilby stated that he served on the Lake Advisory Board in the past and thanked the Board for continuing discussion of Lake issues that are persistently important.

Adjournment: Gary Hasensfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40p.m. Joe Pritchett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk