



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board

August 5, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the August 5, 2019 meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mark Helms, Chairman

Gary Johnson

Gary Hasenfus

Michael Yelton

Dan Breneman

Bill Ashman

Sonya Ledford

Town Council Members present:

Councilman John Kilby

Other Members Present:

Dean Givens, Director of Lake Operations

Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the August 5, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Helms asked to revise the Agenda under *Special Topics 4.A to add Regatta Floating Dock Recommendation*. Additionally to *change Special Topics 4.B as being presented by Mr. Ashman and Mr. Hasenfus*. **Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised. Mr. Hasenfus seconded and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the July 1, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

Special Topic Discussions

4.A Lake Lure Ho-Ho-Ho Row Proposed Regatta Event and Floating Dock Recommendation – Mr. Oppliger Mr. Oppliger reviewed with the Board the proposed event that he has scheduled for December 14th. The Board discussed the dates and wanted Mr. Oppliger to feel open regarding using

any Saturday in December. There was discussion regarding the lowering of the lake meeting and how lowering of the lake may effect this event. There was further discussion. The Regatta may bring 100-150 people to Lake Lure. Mr. Oppliger explained why they decided on the December dates instead of Fall was due to pressure already on hotels. They felt that Lake Lure would benefit most by a December date and help generate revenue.

Gary Johnson made a recommendation for the Lake Lure Regatta event to be held any Saturday in December. Mr. Ashman seconded the recommendation and all were in favor.

Mr. Oppliger presented the Board with a diagram of where they would like to put a moveable floating dock that they planned to be 60' x 10'. There was discussion on the size of the dock and the location. There was discussion regarding using the small cove by the Police Boat House. There was concern regarding the liability being that the dock would be open to public use. Board members voiced their support and concerns. There was further discussion from the Board that they felt this should go through the Town's permitting process to firm up the size and location that would be approved. The Board agreed that Mr. Oppliger should move forward with his plans by seeking approval through the Community Development and Zoning.

4.B Power Boards on Lake Lure – Bill Ashman and Gary Hasenfus Mr. Ashman presented his and Mr. Hasenfus' research and findings with the Board. The presentation covered types of Motorized Paddle Boards and cost. There was mention of statistics from the U.S. Coast Guard regarding steady increase of deaths on stand up paddle board due to accidents. The Board discussed the many variations of accidents that could occur while on a powered motor board. The Board voiced overwhelmingly to not approve motorized paddle boards on Lake Lure. There was discussion regarding placing the verbiage Mr. Ashman and Mr. Hasenfus had in their report in the Lake Use Regulations in the Personal Water Craft definitions.

*Mr. Johnson made a motion to recommend that the Marine Commission not permit Motorized Power Boards on Lake Lure and **add to** the definition of "Personal Watercraft or Skicraft" in the Lake Use Regulations, "An inboard craft using a water-jet pump or a battery driven, gas engine driven housed propeller as the primary source of propulsion and operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft rather than in the conventional manner of boat operation."*

Mr. Breneman seconded the Motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Hasenfus mentioned to the Board that the WSIA (Water Sport Industry Association) as well as the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources has recommended three (3) boating tips for boating in Lake Lure. These were as follows: 1) Stay 200 feet away from others 2) Keep music low 3) Keep to minimum repetitive passes by frontage lake homes.

Report from Lake Operations – Mr. Givens reviewed his monthly report with the Board. Mr. Ashman mentioned there were a few items that he had questions with. Mr. Givens asked that Mr. Ashman go through the next month's report and highlight sections that needed further explanation. Mr. Givens mentioned to the Board that his team has been very busy.

Report from Council Liaison – Mr. Kilby reminded the Board that prior to the Council Meeting next Tuesday, August 13th, that the Marine Commission would hear from the Public regarding the lake lowering schedule. Mr. Kilby stated that he wanted to do what was best for the Town. He shared a citizen letter with the Board. There was further discussion regarding pros and cons dealing with lake lowering.

Special Topic – Mr. Helms had nothing to add for Special Topics.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Mr. Hasenfus mentioned that fishing was bad right now due to the heat. Deeper areas were most active.

Lake Structures – Mr. Johnson mentioned that he had two (2) meetings with Mr. Brad Burton regarding an application for a seawall and retaining wall in Gray Log Cove. It was discovered that the application was first brought before the Lake Structures Appeals Board in 2004. However in 2004 it was approved by the Town Council on Appeal; for Gray Log Cove to have four (4) boat slips with 101' of lakefront. Mr. Johnson commented that Mr. Burton went above and beyond in this process for the Town to ensure this was handled correctly.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Mr. Breneman had nothing new to add.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Mr. Yelton had nothing new to add.

Water Quality – Mr. Ashman had nothing new to add.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Ms. Ledford had nothing new to add.

Guests Forum – No Guests wished to speak

Adjournment

Mr. Yelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m. Mr. Ashman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Kat Canant, Administrative Assistant to LLPD.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:



Mark Helms, Chairman