

**RESOLUTION 17-11-14**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MORSE PARK SITE**  
**PLAN AS AN APPENDIX TO THE PARKS, RECREATION,**  
**TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, a site plan for Morse Park was created in 1992 to guide development and facilitate recreation activity in a coordinated manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's first Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2007, recommended small area plans be developed for specific sections of town, specifically like the Town Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Morse Park is a very important element of the Town Center; and

**WHEREAS** the Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan also known as the Recreation Master Plan recommends all park property be planned according to a site specific plan; and

**WHEREAS** the Parks and Recreation Board discussed in public meetings the need to develop such a plan for Morse Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Morse Park Site Plan is being developed in response to the 2007-2027 Comprehensive Plan; Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan; a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board; and in response to a directive by Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hired Vital Clarity, a professional facilitation firm, as well as Equinox, a professional design firm, to assist the Parks and Recreation Board in conducting site analysis; setting plan development goals; soliciting input from the public by organizing a study of all known town documents relative to Morse Park; creating and launching a new recreation survey regarding uses and facilities for Morse Park; conducting workshops; and holding public meetings throughout the Morse Park plan development process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Board and town staff reviewed all previously adopted plans, reports and surveys relative to Morse Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Board created a survey and sent it to full and part-time residents and visitors for input receiving over 500 responses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Board invited the public and other stakeholders to attend publicly advertised meetings to give feedback and direction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morse Park Site Plan was developed under direct oversight of the Parks and Recreation Board, an official body appointed by Town Council to oversee the development of parks, recreation, trails and open space, in the Town of Lake Lure; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Board held a workshop on October 10, 2017, wherein careful study and consideration was given to all known information gathered regarding Morse Park to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Board made certain decisions regarding site plan elements for Morse Park relative to use and facilities at this workshop; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting on November 2, 2017 and reviewed the final version of the Morse Park Site Plan to ensure it aligns with decisions made at the October 10, 2017 workshop; and

**WHEREAS**, the final version of Morse Park Site Plan was posted online on November 3, 2017 for public review and comment eleven days before an independent Town Council public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morse Park Site Plan will serve as an independent document in addition to an update to the previously adopted and subsequently amended Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan as part of the Appendix; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Lure Town Council held a public hearing November 14, 2017 to receive additional input from the general public.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lake Lure Town Council adopts the Morse Park Site Plan and directs Town staff to add it and all necessary support documents generated in the plan development process to the Appendix of the Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan also known as the Recreation Master Plan.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

Attest:

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Andrea H. Calvert,  
Town Clerk

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Mayor Robert M. Keith