



## **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2011

#### **Call to order**

The Chairman Ed Dittmer called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30pm on August 4, 2011, in Lake Lure Town Hall.

#### **Roll Call**

- **Board Members Present:** Ed Dittmer, Martyn Watts, Todd Dunnuck, Larry Czajkowski, Diane Barrett, Bill Miller, Chuck Watkins, ,
- **Board Members Absent:** Valerie Hoffman has resigned from the Board
- **Town Officials Present:**, Town Council Liaison Linda Turner, Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun, Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melody Potter, Lake Operations Director Dean Givens; Town Planner Susan Smoyer
- **Others Present:** Jerry Stensland, Rutherford County Recreation Planner,

#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting**

Meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion was made to accept the agenda by Diane Barrett, seconded by Todd Dunnuck and the motion was passed.

The Minutes from the July 7, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Todd Dunnuck made the motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Bill Miller and the motion was passed.

#### **Open Issues**

##### **1. Status of Morse Park Stormwater Drainage and Wetland Enhancement Plan permitting process**

Discussion – Clint discussed the meeting with Equinox regarding the Nationwide Permit. He also discussed the options between a Nationwide Permit and an Individual Permit. A meeting will be held near the end of August with U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, DER, Equinox, and Clint and Ed to finalize the Nationwide Permit for the project and to get both agencies on board approving the project in principle. There was also discussion regarding the decreased wetland delineation and the area to be mitigated.

##### **2. Status of planning for the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge**

Bill mentioned the first LLFB Board Meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. He is very impressed with the quality of people on the Board. Bill also let us know that since the last meeting he has discovered that the town now currently owns the bridge, with NCDOT having transferred ownership of the old bridge upon completion of the new bridge. The state will be sending \$120,000 to the Town for long term maintenance of the old bridge. There was discussion regarding the right of way, which includes the river bank. The LLFB

Board is still looking for founding members donations. Within a week the website and Facebook page will be operating. The next meeting of the board will be August 24th.

### **3. Status of planning for Northern Parkland**

A meeting between Ed, Larry, Jerry Stensland, and Suzy was discussed regarding a grant application for trail construction. Suzy discussed using business partners such as the CMLC, SOBA, and Rutherford Outdoor Coalition. Discussion was made regarding a search for additional partners. Also under discussion was the CMLC Weedpatch Mountain Trail Feasibility Study. This study was handed out to board members present. Suzy will send out an email for support of this project.

### **4. Wood Duck Boxes**

Todd brought a Wood Duck Box that he constructed at home. The cost of making the box was about \$25 verses purchasing them offline for approximately \$50 - \$80. Discussion was made regarding a potential fund-raising idea to have individuals or groups sponsor a box as well as the construction of such. There was discussion regarding the placement of the boxes as well as which season is best to put them out. Further research will be made by Martyn regarding this subject. Melody will place the box constructed by Todd.

### **5. Parkland Maintenance Punchlist**

Melody advised the board that she is still looking for a part-time employee to assist her with parkland maintenance. Discussion was made regarding the punchlist. Discussion dealt with aerating the pond with two fountains to help stop unwanted growth. Dean and Clint discussed Lake Operations Department plans for shoreline stabilization near the area where the river enters the lake., to include the use of added fill, rip rap, and using herbivores planting and four variations of trees to help in stabilization. Ed discussed drain improvements. Suzy mentioned that she is creating a grant spreadsheet that helps in her grant research. Discussion was made regarding looking for specific types of grants that would be used for the Morse Park Improvements.

### **New Business**

Jerry Stensland discussed working with businesses down river of the dam in an effort to help their businesses bring tourists to the area by planning periodic releases of water from the dam when feasible, possibly one Saturday a month during the summer season. This would help them bring kayak, Tubing and fishing prospects to the area.

Jerry also discussed creating a foundation for county parks which could act like an umbrella for all parks. This business could be funded by donations.

Additionally Jerry is looking to create a County Recreation Committee. Discussion was opened regarding the operation of such.

### **Adjournment**

Ed Dittmer adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm

Minutes submitted by: Kat Canant, Town Employee