



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

### **Meeting Minutes**

October 6, 2011

#### **Call to order**

Board chairman Ed Dittmer called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:38pm on October 6, 2011

#### **Roll Call**

- **Board Members Present:** Ed Dittmer, Diane Barrett, Chuck Watkins, Martyn Watts, Todd Dunnuck
- **Board Members Absent:** Larry Czajkowski, Bill Miller,
- **Town Officials Present:** Town Council Liaison Linda Turner; Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melody Potter,
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#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting**

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

The Minutes from the September 1, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Martyn Watts made the motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Diane Barrett and the motion was passed.

#### **Open Issues**

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

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Nationwide permit submitted on behalf of the Town by Equinox Environmental, which was received by USACE (Liz Hair) on August 8, 2011. USACE has reportedly thirty days to respond, however it looks like it may be more like 45 days. Hopes are that there will be word by mid-November of the approval. Ed will work with Equinox to try to get a speedy approval so earth moving work can be done this winter.

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

LLFB Board chairman Bill Miller was absent, however Chuck Watkins did discuss that the RFP's (Request for Proposals) had been sent out. Funds received to date are between \$5000-\$6000---most of this is from Founding Members. NCDOT did inspect the bridge and minor repairs were completed, and the bridge ownership has been transferred to the Town of Lake Lure.. Linda Turner has accepted to be the Town Council Liaison to the LLFB. There is a Grand Opening date of July 21, 2012 slated for the Grand Opening.

### **3. Status of planning for Northern Parkland/Buffalo Creek Park**

Discussion was made regarding the Buffalo Creek Park task summary submitted by Suzy Smoyer. There was discussion also regarding the process for applying for grants, expectations of such, and desired endorsements from the public. Suzy is actively following up on the grants. In Larry's absence, Ed updated the Board on the positive actions of the Rumbling Bald Resort (RBR) management and Homeowners Board on preparing for a trailhead parking area within RBR for RBR homeowners and guests. There was also discussion regarding the minimum PARTF grant requirements for trailhead and trail development within five years of date of grant reward and the need to push ahead on these requirements.

### **4. Parkland Maintenance Punchlist**

Melody discussed the punchlist and quoted the Board on a cost of Transline (the product used to kill kudzu). Transline runs \$660.00 for 2.5 gallons which is designed to be diluted and can make 106 treatments in the 3 gallon-sprayer. Ed wants to see if our parks maintenance needs for kudzu control can be included in the Town's kudzu control program or whether we will have to pay separately. Melody is going to check on this and advise on the cost to have the two areas in Donald Ross Park sprayed if we have to bear the cost out of the Parks maintenance budget.

Additionally there was discussion regarding the carpenter bees at the picnic shelter at the Donald Ross Park. Melody is going to check on this.

## **New Business**

**Proposed amendments to Lake Lure Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Plan** – Ed provided a draft of proposed changes to the Plan (see Packet distributed at meeting). Discussion followed regarding the changes. Members were asked to review and provide any recommended changes to the draft revision, so that a recommended revision can be approved at next meeting, so as to get approved by Town Council by December.

**Potential trail system in Luremont area of Town Center** – Ed provided a map of the original 1920s Draper design of the Luremont area of Town Center that included public right of way for approximately 3 miles of trails (See detailed map distributed at the meeting). Discussion followed regarding the planning underway initiated by the CDD staff for a trail system of looped walking trails on these public rights of way. This original design plan also included an amphitheatre site that was never completed. Board members will go inspect the area on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion on how to proceed with the area and how to use it to offer new hiking trails to the public.

**Replacement of trees along boardwalk in front of beach and additional tree planting in Morse Park** – Ed mentioned that Bob Cameron had asked about replacement of the dead cherry Trees that had lined the boardwalk. Discussion was made as to what to replace them with. Crepe myrtles and magnolias as well as cherry trees were mentioned. Melody will put together a plan and present it at the next meeting.

## **Discussion**

Ed read a letter that was sent to Mayor Keith. The letter was from a concerned man from Asheville who brings his family to Lake Lure frequently. There was complaint regarding the Canada geese population and defecation in the Lake Lure Beach and Water Park area. The members discussed all the steps that are being taken to rid the area of the geese. Ed also read parts of a reply letter that the Mayor wrote, and his assignment of responsibility to the Lake Advisory Board and Lake Operations Office to address the issue and mitigate the problems noted in the letter.

## **Adjournment**

Ed Dittmer adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm

Minutes submitted by: Kat Canant, Town Employee