

Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2013

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Martyn Watts called the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 pm on October 3, 2013.

Roll Call

- Board Members present: Martyn Watts, Larry Czajkoski, Jonathan Hinkle, Todd Dunnuck
- Board Members Absent: Ed Dittmer, Bill Miller, Linda Turner
- Town Officials present: Commissioner Diane Barrett, Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter, Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun, Trail Stewardship Coordinator Amy Allamong

Approval of 10/3 Agenda and 8/8 Minutes

The meeting agenda was reviewed and accepted.

The minutes from the August 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Todd Dunnuck to accept the minutes, Larry Czajkoski seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Open Issues

Buffalo Creek Park development –

Trail Stewardship Coordinator Amy Allamong with Americorps introduced herself and explained that she will be working with the Town and the county to help coordinate trail system efforts and help to setup a system to use volunteers to make the trail systems self-maintained.

The Board discussed the new wooden bridge that has been completed across Buffalo Creek and discussed preservation and cleaning of the bridge.

Larry Czajkoski reported that he is moving forward working with Wyndham concerning donation, sale, or lease of land that is adjacent to the Buffalo Creek Park and that he took the new Wyndham resort manager to the site. Larry stated that the new manager plans to send an email to her legal department, as she sees the value of the project.

Clint Calhoun stated that he hiked a portion of the Summit Trail with James Padget and did not find any rare or unusual species. Clint also reported that the preliminary proposed trail is steep and will require planning from the Town, State Parks, and CMLC. Town staff also reported that the Trail Dynamics contract has been signed.

Flowering Bridge

Martyn stated that the buildings owned by the town next to the Flowering Bridge have been torn down and that the town plans to schedule meetings to gain citizen input concerning use of the property.

Martyn also reminded the Board that October 19, 2013 will be the Grand Opening for the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

Morse Park Improvements

Martyn stated that Chairman Ed Dittmer had written a note to inform the Board that the steps up the berm have been built and that Public Works personnel under Tony Hennessee built the footbridge across the grassy spillway. These steps should aid in reducing erosion in the area. Martyn also reported that Ed got a permit from the town Zoning Administrator for the wooden fence to be constructed around the gas tank in Morse Park Meadow. The Board discussed wetland plants/trees that could be planted after the fence is up.

Clint Calhoun discussed a need for about three aerators in the pond and the marina area with the Board. The Board suggested getting some proposals and potentially using funds from the marina project.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a bubbler versus a fountain. Some members were concerned by the amount of space required for a fountain, while others welcomed the idea astatically.

Larry made a motion to support locating funds for an aeration system. Jonathan Hinkle seconded. All were in favor of the motion and the motion passed

Parkland Maintenance – Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter explained that she has decorated around town for fall and that the grass/reeds in Morse Park zre in full bloom. Melodie also informed the board that beavers have eaten three of the cherry trees planted in the park. Martyn suggested that it would be best if the trees could be replaced within the next month (before the weather gets cold.)

The Board discussed asking Chairman Ed Dittmer to find out if any of the trees were guaranteed since a dogwood and the ginkgo are not doing well.

Dog Park

The Board discussed a request previously presented by a group of citizens concerning a dog park. The Board suggested that the citizens consider the former gun range and the area next to the Donald Ross Nature Trail as potential alternate locations for the proposed dog park. Board members also discussed the old landfill as a potential location to consider for the dog park. The Board asked that the citizen group prepare

and present a recommendation after considering the proposed locations. Board members also pointed out that the park should be built and maintained by volunteers.

New Issues

Canada Geese Control Measures -- The Board discussed controlling the Canadian goose population.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to ask town manager Chris Braund to have Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun look into acquiring federal deprivation permits and waivers in order to potentially allow someone with resident geese control experience to net geese at night.

Board Meeting Attendance Policy – Board members discussed the attendance policy of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Todd suggested that it may be easier for some members to attend the meetings if they were held in the morning, around 10a.m., rather than in the middle of the afternoon. After discussion, the board decided a time change would likely make no difference in attendance.

Larry stated that each board member needs to make sure the Board's chairman knows if they will be unable to attend a meeting so he can prepare accordingly.

Town Clerk Andi Calvert agreed to make sure there isn't currently a town resolution relating to Parks and Recreation Board member attendance.

Adjournment

Martyn Watts adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The next Parks & Recreation Board Meeting will be held on Thursday November 7, 2013.

Minutes were taken by Andi Calvert, Town Clerk