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Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
March 5, 2015 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:35pm.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Martyn Watts

Vic Knight

Board Members absent:

Larry Czajkoski

Jessica Kendall

Linda Turner

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Diane Barrett

Others present:

Dana Bradley, Rutherford County AmeriCorps Representative

Dale Minnick, Manager of Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the February 5, 2015 Board meeting was reviewed.

A motion was made to accept the Agenda by Martyn Watts and seconded by Ed Dittmer and all were in favor.

The minutes for the February 5, 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed **A motion to accept the minutes were made by Ed Dittmer and seconded by Vic Knight and all were in favor.**



LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Dale Minick provided the Parks and Recreation Board with a report of activities at the golf course. He is exploring options to encourage more use of the course, and two of those are disc golf using a Frisbees, and the second is foot golf player with a soccer ball. He is very interested in the foot golf concept. There is a national organization which establishes rules and handicaps and provides official course accreditation criteria. The national organization would send people to guide the design and layout of the course. The holes for the soccer balls will be at least 21 inches in diameter and that deep. Raleigh has a group that plays. The cost for getting accredited and obtaining the 21" cups is approximately \$2,200. Dale is seeking funding for this purpose to offer more options for use of the course and to generate additional revenue. Questions asked were: What about damage to course? Can holes be moved? Can cups be placed in rough turf? What are fees to play? Is there special clothing? Could this be a possible Olympiad event? Martyn made the motion which was seconded by Ed to ask Dale to find out more about "foot golf" so a more informed decision can be made. Dale discussed the possibility of opening the golf course to walkers in the evenings, i.e., at 6PM on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings. Dale wants to increase course membership to 75 members and reach at least 6,000 rounds; if can reach 10,000 rounds the course will financially self-sustaining.

FLOWERING BRIDGE

Although Linda Turner was absent, Jim informed Board members that a meeting was scheduled on March 13 with attendees including the Lake Town Manager, a representative of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and Alan Moore and his attorney to discuss the west end of the Flowering Bridge which cannot be completed until an agreement is reached among these people regarding easements and rights-of-way.

DONALD ROSS PARK

Ed Dittmer stated the picnic area has been grass seeded; the area of the Creekside Trail which was disturbed to install the school sewer line has been mulched; and that the picnic tables are in place. The need remains to reconnect trails that have been disrupted by school construction, and that Ed Sutton of Trail Dynamics has been engaged with Chris Braund, the Town Manager, regarding flagging of the connecting links.

NEW LANDSCAPING AT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Martyn told the Board that additional trees need to be planted along the highway at the golf course. It will cost approximately \$250 for crabapple and maple trees the first year and \$300 the second year. It was suggested the funds be taken from Melodie's plant funds for this purpose if she agrees. Martyn also suggested planting trees or shrubs along the opposite side of the highway along the eighth fairway.

BUFFALO CREEK PARK

Larry Cazjkoski was not in attendance – no discussion



POOL CREEK PARK

Vic Knight said the dock needs to be replaced and a new one built to the standardized Lake Lure dock style and structure standard. Placement of the dock in the park was also discussed. Vic will convene a meeting next week among people designated by the Town Manager. The purpose of the meeting is to engage “stakeholders” in the efforts needed to open the park to the public as rapidly as possible, but safely.

MORSE PARK

Jim Walters stated that Melodie’s report on punch-list activities was not available. Ed noted that a bulldozer has leveled bank; weeds have been cut; pavers are needed for some portions of the paths. Ed also discussed need for a large pavilion - similar to the pavilion near the beach at Rumbling Bald resort.

GEESE MITIGATION

Jim reported the mating is occurring; nest construction will begin soon; egg oiling needs to commence in May; Nests without eggs need to be destroyed; three people and boat are required for the “nest patrols.” The consensus among the Board Members is that the site aversion program is not diminishing the number of geese; the resident goose population remains steady and is problematic in terms of water quality - particularly at the Lake Lure Public Beach. Tyrone Phillips will be consulted regarding the option of culling some portion of the goose population.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATION WITH RUTHERFORD COUNTY TDA

A suggestion was made Michelle Yelton of the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority be contacted regarding the anticipated needs of our park areas to accommodate visitors for upcoming events; continue the focus to achieve bike and walking paths which connect one side of town with the other; complete path from ABC Store to Post Office.

Jim Walters adjourned the meeting at 3:25pm.

Notes of this meeting were combined by members and Town Liaison Diane Barrett and transcribed to format by Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be April 2, 2015 at 1:30pm.

