



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
June 4, 2015 Minutes
Approved

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:33

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters
Ed Dittmer
Linda Turner
Larry Czajkoski
Martyn Watts
Dale Minick
Vic Knight

Board Members absent:

Town Officials present:

Environmental Manger Clint Calhoun,
Parks & Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter

Others present:

Guest Steven Webber
Guest Dana Bradley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The agenda for the June 4, 2015 meeting was reviewed.

A motion was made by Linda Turner to accept the Agenda; seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.

The minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting were reviewed. There were errors mentioned which were noted and corrected. **A motion was made by Linda to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Ed Dittmer; all were in favor.**



Geese Mitigation

Larry Czajkoski has made three tours in May to check on the geese numbers. There has been no change from the previous month. He also checked Bald Mountain Lake where there was no change. He believes the geese are in the molting stage. Larry also mentioned that by managing the population by egg oiling, this will control the population and eventually bring it down further. Ed Dittmer mentioned that he has only seen very few juveniles, which are not old enough to breed, but that the adult geese are the ones that come back to nest. Ed also mentioned that he has seen several Wood Ducks and Mallards with young.

Larry at this time also mentioned that he noticed only five of the aerators by the beach are bubbling. Clint said that the other one is working but very little due to a possible kink in the line that they will check on. Clint also stated that the fecal numbers are very good in that area.

Martyn Watts asked Clint about what state department sets bag limits. Clint answered that it was the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission and he suggested going online to check the information on this.

Ed Dittmer mentioned that he is seeing a large amount of geese at the Pool Creek Park area and that he hopes with this being open to the public now, it will discourage the geese from congregating there.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge and Town of Lake Lure – Village of Chimney Rock road connector walkway

Linda Turner commented that the Department of Transportation meeting was discouraging and that it may be five years before a completion of the walkway. This project is in competition with other state highway projects. Martyn Watts suggested exploring a possible temporary path, however after discussion it was mentioned that this too would have to have DOT approval and that the path ran across several privately owned properties.

Linda Turner also discussed the Tryon Equestrian Center Grand Prix Challenge. They are offering grants to charity organizations. The Flowering Bridge has put in their application. If their name is one of the charities picked Saturday night, they'll move onto being teamed with an equestrian team which will compete in October. There are currently over 145 applications in to be selected. If their team wins at an event in October, the 1st place prize is \$50,000. There are other monetary winnings for lower placing as well.

The plant sale was successful with a \$3500 profit. The donation box has brought in plenty of donations and over \$1100 this last month. Clint Calhoun made a suggestion of the large standing binoculars to be placed on the bridge. He stated this was a great way to raise money. Linda also mentioned that the bridge is seeing a large amount of group tours this year.

Donald Ross Park and Trail System

Ed Dittmer updated the Board on the upkeep of the trails. He has asked to meet with the school for an onsite visit to discuss a trail course for the cross country team. It was discussed to use a portion of the golf course as well. Ed hopes to meet with them before the summer is out. He has asked that Clint Calhoun and Dana Bradley be there as well.



Lake Lure Public Golf Course

Dale Minick stated that the numbers of players are up slightly ahead from last year. He discussed the school tying into the irrigation system for their soccer field. The Foot Golf is now open and has had about 12 players so far. There have been many phone calls and an article in the Hendersonville Times mentioning the new game. They are working on more advertising. Melodie suggested getting with the Olympiad. Dale also mentioned they are working on Rack Cards and Flyers and an article for the Mountain Breeze. He also discussed some power issues they are having with Duke Energy.

Buffalo Creek Park

Larry Czajkoski stated that the trails are looking great. He discussed needed signage that needs to be placed if you are traveling counterclockwise on the trail from the one mile marker. He suggested the clockwise markers be blue reflectors and the counterclockwise be red reflectors. He also discussed needed signage at the extension as you are coming back to remind users of which way to go at that point. Dana Bradley mentioned that those were good ideas. She stated that there have been volunteers from LLCA working on the matting in areas. There was discussion of how they are having to haul rock up the trail in backpacks. Larry mentioned that they are still waiting on Ed Sutton for the deliverables on Phase II. Larry will talk with Chris on this process. Clint Calhoun will be with Darlene Kucken on June 10th. Larry discussed the Rutherford Coalition Challenge mentioned at the last meeting. They were hoping for better response. He mentioned promoting it on Facebook and allowing the trail users to post their times on Facebook instead of having to travel to a location to post them. There was discussion of getting new sponsors as well.

Melodie Potter mentioned that Joey Allen will be getting back with her on the price for the picnic table areas on each side of the bridge. There will also be a sloped path for wheelchair access. There was discussion regarding the removal of some of the dead trees in the area.

Jim Walters discussed a group in Asheville that need a 10 Kilometer trail. He is working to get them over to Lake Lure and to get this trail sanctioned for 10 Kilometers. There was also mentioned the revision of the Trail Guide book for the Gorge authored by Brian Lubers. Clint Calhoun mentioned that the book was a great guide for our area trails.

Pool Creek Park

Vic Knight passed around to the Board his concept for the park area, including the parking area and use of the gate and fencing. The fence will remain along Memorial for safety for those using the Park. There was discussion about placement of a fence that can be locked, to allow visitors to use the Beach restrooms. Vic discussed his plan which it was discussed that Option A was best, which was putting the new floating docks back in the previous old docks location. There was discussion regarding dredging in this area to allow boaters access. Vic mentioned that there were more merits for Option A.

Martyn Watts suggested using signs for the park area, when it was reserved for use. Jim will be working with Valarie on signage.

Melodie will get with Rick Fossie regarding a gate that can be used on the bridge to separate the Beach traffic and the park traffic.



Vic also used this time to discuss with the Board a project headed by Bob Cameron regarding a seawall project which would replace the boardwalk, which is in bad shape. Vic reviewed the plans with the Board and stated that a decision would need to be made by June, the end of this fiscal year. There was an in depth discussion regarding the plan. Clint suggested to consult with a Constructional Engineer as well as DOT. Vic will be pulling together the cost of the project. They will use dredging material to save money. Jim mentioned getting a smaller group together with Shannon to further the discussion. He wanted Bob Cameron to join in.

It was decided that Vic will get his preliminary plan together and send it out to the Board. Vic will designate a time to meet with Shannon and the Board. The Board would need to adopt the plan and make a recommendation to Zoning to review with the Town Council. It was also discussed that the LAB would need to be a part of this discussion.

Jim Walters opened a discussion regarding the Pool Creek Park name. He mentioned the name of Earle Draper had been brought up, who had a very large hand in the early development of Lake Lure with the Morse family. There were several ideas brought up, including the current name. There was further discussion. Jim mentioned that whatever is decided that he will get with Valerie for signage.

Morse Park

Jim Walters discussed the Porta-Potty issue at the park. During the Memorial Day weekend, the Visitor Center restrooms were closed. It was mentioned that plans are being looked at to use the Visitor's Center restrooms but things such as who cleans it, the maintenance, insurance and reporting will need to be addressed. Jim is working with Michelle Whitaker on this. There was further discussion regarding the plans the Board has previously discussed regarding a Pavilion. It was discussed to build restrooms either adjacent to or attached to the Pavilion when that project gets approved.

Town Parks and Recreational Punch List

Melodie Potter has been busy putting Rock Dust out, pruning and mulching as well as pressure washed the Gazebo and picnic areas. They were very busy cleaning up after the Memorial Day craft show. The discussion of heavy traffic in the area was brought up. It was suggested that shows, festivals, etc., not be held during holiday weekends. Traffic was dangerous. The crowds were extremely large and the use of Morse Park was heavy. Melodie stated that with the Visitor's Center restrooms closed, the three Porta-Potties were filled to capacity. For the July 4th weekend, Melodie will order five more Porta-Potties to add in the Marina area. There was discussion on using the Marina building restrooms as well. Melodie stated that Lynn (the cleaning lady for the Town) had already given a price for keeping those clean.

Budget Discussion

Jim Walters mentioned that the budget for the new fiscal year was complete and looked good.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Turner and seconded by Ed Dittmer. The June 4th meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 3:27 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be July 2nd, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

