



## **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting** **April 7, 2016 Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the April 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:32pm

### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

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

Board Members absent:

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Melodie Potter, Parks & Recreation Supervisor  
Clint Calhoun, Environmental Manager

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

The agenda for the April 7, 2016 meeting was reviewed.

**A motion was made by Linda Turner to accept the Agenda; seconded by Ed Dittmer; all were in favor.**

The minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

**A motion was made by Linda Turner to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.**

### **Geese Mitigation Plan of Action**

Jim told the Board that he had refined the plan and had given the Board the “White Paper Analysis of the issue of Canada Geese Population Management”. The members discussed the hand-out. Jim stated that he wanted this be an item that could be added to, refined and revised when needed, but to use it as a beginning to this plan of action. It lays out what the Board is attempting to accomplish.

Jim stated that Valarie Hoffman will help promote via media the plan and make known that no one is permitted to feed the geese, this included visitors, residents, contractors, children, etc.

Jim mentioned that Sam Karr had told him there was \$5K to use on the Geese Mitigation. Larry was concerned about the part where it defines a time for dog harassment. There was discussion regarding this. Jim will look into it and make any change necessary. Ed suggested that we target vacation rentals to put out a flyer to not feed the geese. Clint suggested making sure that during the dog harassment phase that we require those dogs to wear a life-vest and that they have a tag stating they are there to specifically harass the geese.

Once the dog harassment is defined and changed in the White Paper Analysis, the board will be ready to give to Town Council.

**A motion was made by Dale Minick that after changes were made that the Board deliver the White Paper Analysis of the issue of Canada Geese Population Management to the Town Council. Larry Czajkoski seconded the motion; and all were in favor.**

Larry brought the Board up to date on the egg oiling. Volunteers went out and found 6 active nest and one that had been started. The one that had been started then vacated was on a resident’s property who properly harassed the geese enough so that they flew away. There were 35 eggs oiled. The resort is oiling eggs in their area as well. The golf course has been harassing the geese and they have seen no nest. Jim wondered if there was an EPA template to keep tract of the harassment records. He would look into that.

### **Flowering Bridge**

Linda announced that there was a gift given to the Flowering Bridge in the amount of \$1500 from the Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation. She also mentioned that Bill Miller had been on a personal fund raising task and he raised \$3000. Linda said that the script for the tour is almost finished. There are 2 scripts, one for the normal tour and the other for the Sensory Trail for those who are visually handicapped. June 4<sup>th</sup> will officially be the opening of the Welcome Terrace and the Sensory Trail. Linda mentioned future plans for the Flowering Bridge. Linda mentioned that the pavers had been ordered. Melodie mentioned the town had paid for them. There was a confusion regarding who paid for the pavers. Linda would look into this. Melodies mentioned that she had received two quotes to remove the two trees mentioned at the previous meeting. One quote was for \$2500 and the other for \$1850. She said they were so high because a cherry picker would need to be used. Ed suggested to call Duke to remove dangerous rotted trees. Martyn told Linda that she should call Duke. Linda asked if she should get Ricky Ledbetter out to look at the trees. Melodie mentioned that one tree, the damaged and rotted one could come down but that the other, Cathy from the Flowering Bridge wanted it left halfway to the trunk to construct a Hobbit House out of it.

Linda mentioned that she would get with Shannon in regards to getting Duke to come out. She'll talk to Cathy about the Hobbit trunk. There was a discussion about whose land the tree was actually on. It was mentioned that Alan Moore may own that land. Martyn suggested to get in touch with Alan to get the tree removed, explaining that the tree is rotted and damaged and may fall on a vehicle or a person. Once Linda finds out whose land it is, she will follow through to attempt to get the tree removed.

There was further discussion regarding using the lake to water the garden instead of incurring cost from the town for water. There was also discussion regarding lighting and it was suggested to have Duke come out and make suggestions using possible solar panels. Clint suggested to use grants for cost that the Flowering Bridge is incurring. He mentioned there were Facebook grants that could help since the Flowering Bridge was educational.

### **Donald Ross Park renaming**

Ed discussed with the board how the park got its name in the first place. Originally it was named after Donald Ross, thinking that he had a great deal to do with the planning of the golf course. He had not assisted. Ed asked for the Board to consider naming it Raptor Ridge Park. Linda suggested the park be named The Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail. Ed immediately disagreed and felt he did not want recognition for the volunteer time he's put in with the trails. There was a discussion and with quite a bit of kick-back, Ed finally gave in and allowed the Board to use his name.

**A motion was made by Linda Turner to rename the Donald Ross Trail, The Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail. Dale Minick seconded; and all were in favor.**

There was discussion to name the new ridge trail the Raptor Ridge Trail. Some of the new trails did need naming. Vic Knight suggested using the school kids to rename. Martyn and Ed extended the new trail out to the parking lot. All trails now meet at the Picnic Shelter. There was discussion regarding the change that had been made on some trails. Larry mentioned to Melodie that there was a pot hole in the parking area that cars were hitting that needed gravel in it. Melodie will check on that. Ed and Martyn are taking care of placing an 8ft bridge across the gully.

### **Lake Lure Public Golf Course**

Dale mentioned to the Board that there was a new golf coach at the school and he was excited about that hoping it would get kids outside away from computers and electronic games to come play golf.

In March of 2015 there was a total of 288 rounds of golf, March of 2016 a total of 357 + 31 foot golf. Total to date in 2015 was 557 rounds, to date in 2016 was 623 +43 foot golf totaling 666 rounds. There are 31 new memberships. The greens have been fertilized. Draining on the bunker is being worked on and there are now new golf carts.

Dale discussed the original five year lease for the golf course with the Board. He handed out a spreadsheet outlining expenses. He mentioned Capital items were needed for the building but he was asked by Chris Braund to bring the request for the continuation of the \$75K subsidy for the 2016-2017 year before the Board.

There was continued discussion regarding how well Dale had been doing and the golf course had really improved.

**Ed Dittmer made a motion to recommend to the Town Council to accept and continue the \$75K subsidy for the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget for the Lake Lure Public Golf Course. Linda Turner seconded; and all were in favor.**

### **Buffalo Creek Park**

Larry had no update on the current trail. Larry brought the Board up to date on the extension 5 to 7 miles. Per the RTP grant it needed to be completed by the end of the year (December 31, 2016). The cost for the trail is \$300K. Larry stated that the RTP grant was for \$200K and that the CMLC was footing the \$100K to complete the cost. Larry discussed contracts in place. The project status is that 400 yds have been completed in 2 weeks and while it may seem small Larry mentioned the terrain is really tough so it's taking more work.

Regarding the Weed Patch Mountain plans, Debbie Shetterly and Rebecca Robinson were to take the plans to the Town Council on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Larry mentioned that the resort is really working well with everyone in these trail extensions.

### **Pool Creek Park**

Vic updated that Clint, Dean Givens and Tim Edwards had met regarding the dredging and building the berm. Vic discussed that the sections of fence were now out and he mentioned the berm construction. Melodie had decided on which picnic table to use. She is waiting on quotes. She is also ordering 5 grills. She will also replace the picnic tables under the sheds at Morse Park.

Jim asked that the Board review formally naming Pool Creek Park, Pool Creek Park. Jim discussed with the board areas that needed to be defined in the borders of the Park. He mentioned areas of land beside the bank that followed the creek up to the covered bridge, the land that the silt pond was on and the land where the fountain sits in front of the Arcade. He would like to include these areas as Pool Creek Park. Vic suggested that they leave out the land in front of the Arcade as there were future plans slated for that area on the Master Plan. There was further discussion. Ed mentioned the trail system on the land that the silt pond sits on. Jim will get with Shannon to firm out the borders of what could be considered Pool Creek Park.

Martyn mentioned to the Board the 'eye sore' that was over by the Police Boat Dock. He told the Board that the barge type boat that contractors use to haul lumber and such to houses along the lake is leaving timber everywhere, some with nails in it. The dumpsters were overflowing with construction debris. There was discussion regarding the mess and that the Board didn't want it to end up looking like the eye sore over by the former Marina. Jim said that he would look into this.

### **Dog Park**

Ed proposed to defer the dog park to another time. It was discussed that Chris Braund had asked those interested to bring a full report to the board detailing where, what land they could buy/rent, the cost

to fence and upkeep as well as any liability insurance they may need to have. Chris mentioned that they would need to come up with a plan and the way that they would afford it.

### **Pickle Ball**

Martyn brought up that he had been approached in regards to making the Tennis Court by the Welcome Center, Pickle Ball friendly. There was a discussion and it entailed only painting stripes on the current court in a different color than the Tennis stripping. The net could be either used or rolled up. The Board was very receptive to this but wanted more information and would like for Martyn to have Richard (the man who approached him regarding Pickle Ball) collect information and bring it to the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Melodie mentioned the power poles in Pool Creek Park in that they have had utilities cut to them. She was wondering since the power lines were cut, if we could at this time have them rewired underground or have solar lights installed. Stephen Webber mentioned there would be a cost to either way and it would have to go through a process.

### **Tabling further discussion to next meeting**

Jim tabled the Morse Park and Punch List to the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Turner and seconded by Dale Minick and all were in favor. The April 7, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 3:49 pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will by May 5, 2016 at 1:30pm