



## **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting May 5, 2016 Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the May 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  
Larry Czajkoski

Board Members absent:

Vic Knight

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Melodie Potter, Parks & Recreation Supervisor  
Clint Calhoun, Environmental Manager  
Sam Karr, Acting Town Manager  
Chief Ron Morgan, Lake Lure Fire Department Chief

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

The agenda for the May 5, 2016 meeting was reviewed. Changes were made to move the Buffalo Creek discussion first to accommodate Chief Morgan's time frame.

**A motion was made to accept the agenda with changes by Ed Dittmer; and seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.**

The minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

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

### **Buffalo Creek Park**

Larry updated the Board regarding the construction from CMLC's Peter Barr, which incorporates 2/3 mile built in the last five to six weeks. This terrain was difficult in that there were four ravines and two creeks. There are good reviews thus far from stake holders. May 4, 2016 there was a meeting to discuss emergency access to the new portion of the trail. Several key people were present including Lake Lure Fire Chief Ron Morgan. The meeting was to discuss access to the difficult areas of the trails. The meeting resolved those issues by the planning of several emergency access points at different locations on the trail. This access will allow emergency services rescue personnel the capability to remove injured patients quickly. There was discussion during this meeting about a helicopter landing zone. They mapped out five to six access points for rescue. Peter Barr is constructing a Memo of Understanding which will outline the discussion and needs, so that all are on the same page. Chief Ron Morgan was positive about the trail now knowing there will be access points for emergency crews. He felt the meeting was very positive and was encouraged knowing that all were working together.

There was further discussion regarding signage that Peter Barr had brought up at the 5/4/16 meeting. He wanted to see signs from the loop onto the new portion of trail that indicated the new trail was for experienced hikers and bikers. Ed brought up that the trail is only two feet wide in some areas making it difficult for ATV's. Jim suggested to Chief Morgan to run some emergency scenarios in these areas. Larry wanted to thank the emergency responders for being at the meeting and having such a positive approach to working together for the safety of the trail users. Chief Morgan asked to be kept in the loop with the construction of the trail. Jim suggested adding his name to the minutes email.

### **Oiling of the Geese Eggs**

Larry and Ed have now oiled eggs on 4/6, 4/20 and 5/3. They missed two nest by the town boat house. There has been a total of 53 eggs oiled from those trips. There were 11 nest covered. Larry was not sure of the number of eggs oiled from the resort. Ed handed out an update to the Board members. Since the beginning of the geese mitigation which began in 2010 there have been over 450 eggs oiled. There was discussion that they are now seeing other fowl in the area that they had not seen before. They were wondering if due to the decline of the geese population if the other ducks were breeding more.

Jim mentioned that he was making changes to the amendment that he was to bring to Council.

### **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge**

Linda mentioned that the Annual Meeting was June 6<sup>th</sup>. The members are busy with fund raising and there has been \$10K raised thus far. There has been about \$1K of vandalism to the bridge art. The Lake Lure Police had a meeting with members to discuss camera systems, lighting systems, and other possible security features.

The two trees that were discussed at the previous meeting have been addressed. One was removed and the other has been taken down to the stump.

There was a discussion regarding pavers. The town just purchased one flat which cost approximately \$900. Linda will research into how many pavers they still need.

### **Donald Ross Park**

Ed is waiting to see what to do on the signage. The extension from the parking lot to Mt. Laurel still needs the foot bridge. Town maintenance has the materials, they still need some plank boards. There is some leveling off in the rough spots that still needs to be done as well.

Ed discussed sign construction in that he would prefer to use the metal signs since they tend to hold up longer. Martyn mentioned another type of material. Ed will get with Martyn to discuss that.

*(Morse Park)* Melodie asked Ed if he had heard about the grant yet for the paving. He had not. Ed discussed the paving that needed done at Morse Park. He will check further on the grant.

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

April numbers were 485 golfers and 62 foot golfers, totaling 547 golfers. Dale stated that the number from 2015 during April was 399, and that in April of 2014 it was 430. Total year to date golfers is 1108 and foot golfers are 105. Last year there were a total of 956 golfers year to date. Dale discussed the work being done on the chipping green, the bunker and the drainage areas. There is new merchandise that is moving well. They had a booth at the last school event. He is trying to get Footgolf tournaments together. They are hosting the June Chamber Recharge.

### **Pool Creek Park**

Jim brought the Board up to date on the work being done regarding the dredging. The finger area has been dredged and they are working on the pond area. The sediment from the creek area will be saved to construct the berm. The other sediment is being hauled away.

Melodie mentioned that the picnic tables and grills will be coming next week. There was discussion regarding the boat dock area that continues to be an eye sore. Sam Karr will look into if there were any agreements on that site with Jonathan Hinkle. It was also stated that K Enterprises was also using the area. Steve said that once Sam gets him this information that he would take care of getting with the companies regarding the area. There was further discussion regarding this matter. There was discussion regarding the town boat house on Buffalo Shoals Road and suggestions that Mr. Hinkle purchase that for his use.

### **Morse Park**

Paving had been discussed earlier in this meeting and noted.

### **Parks and Recreation Punch List**

Melodie stated that Morse Park has been mulched all but the tree rings. Dean is installing riprap where needed at the point. They will be installing the culvert. Melodie mentioned that they had been planting flowers around town center. She will get to the willows in the park as previously discussed in other meetings.

### **New Business**

Pickle Ball - Larry brought up the Pickle Ball that has been a success over at the resort. He looked at the lines on the resort courts. There was discussion with Martyn regarding his acquaintance who had

requested the town court be painted. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea without much cost.

**Martyn Watts made a motion that Town's Public Works Director purchase the paint needed for the court in the town center, to stripe it for Pickle Ball. The motion was seconded by Linda Turner and all were in favor.**

Martyn asked that Tony get with him once the paint was purchased so they can all get together regarding the stripes and where they need to be placed.

Morse Park Funds - Sam Karr mentioned that there was still around \$1700 from the 75th Diamond Jubilee that was dedicated to Morse Park. There was discussion regarding new trees that were needed. There was further discussion regarding the paving. Ed stressed that he wanted to wait for the grant to see what they will provide for. He did let the Board know that it was a matching grant so to prepare for that, but that the grant would be very useful.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Linda Turner and seconded by Dale Minick and all were in favor. The May 5, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 3:02 pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be by June 2, 2016 at 1:30pm