



## **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting June 2, 2016 Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the June 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:37pm

### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Jim Walters

Ed Dittmer

Martyn Watts

Larry Czajkoski

Vic Knight

Board Members absent:

Linda Turner

Dale Minick

Town Officials present:

Town Council substitute Liaison John Moore

Others present:

Melodie Potter, Parks & Recreation Supervisor

Clint Calhoun, Environmental Manager

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

The agenda for the June 2, 2016 meeting was reviewed.

**A motion was made to accept the agenda by Martyn Watts; and seconded by Larry Czajkoski; all were in favor.**

The minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

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

### **Flowering Bridge – Jim Walters**

Linda was unable to attend the meeting. Jim said that there were no significant issues. There has been a water fountain added along with the continued work of the stone walkway almost Boys Camp Road. June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am there will be a formal opening ceremony for the Sensory Trail as well as the phone tour system.

### **Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail – Ed Dittmer**

Ed distributed a new trail map to the Board. There was discussion that Clint could update this to improve on it. Ed discussed the new signage plan. He distributed to the Board a list of new signs and what they will read. There were some corrections that Ed would make when he retypes it. There is a total of 3.3 miles of trails. Ed stated there was a total of 30 trail / directional signs that needed to be made. He will get with Valerie for her to get them completed. The signs will also indicate the course difficulty. The bridge has been completed across the ravine. Ed and Martyn both worked hard on this. Fire Chief Ron Morgan walked the trails and is happy with first responder rescue access. Clint discussed a native orchid (Rose Bud Orchid) that was found in the area. He has not found any other record of same in this area.

**A motion was made by Martyn Watts to accept Ed Dittmer’s signage proposal for the Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail (with corrections made). The motion was seconded by Larry Czajkoski and all were in favor.**

### **Lake Lure Golf Course – Martyn Watts**

Martyn Watts discussed the course in Dale Minick’s absence. The drainage on bunker one has been completed. The greens are looking well. Martyn discussed an area that could be used to plant a nature area. Martyn will discuss with Dale. The Memorial Day weekend was busy. Dale did not provide numbers for the month of May but will have them at the July meeting.

### **Buffalo Creek Park and Trail to Eagle Rock – Larry Czajkoski**

Larry spoke with Peter Barr the Project Manager for the trail construction project – all is going well and taking shape. Peter felt that this is an “amazing product” he is a part of. There is 1.2 miles of trail on the ground. Larry stated that the quality of work is very pleasing. Phase I which is the initial two miles has plans to be completed by the end of this month (June 2016). The goal is to have the total seven miles completed by the end of the year is the target and is in line with the RTP Grant.

Peter stated to Larry that the work is going on with the request of the Emergency Management being met. The artery to Grey Rock, which is a path from Grey Rock development to the trail, is being cleared and there is capability for ATV access the entire way. The helicopter pad is only ¼ mile away from the trail, it still needs clearing. Larry stated that once that is complete, he felt very sure that Chief Morgan would find this very accommodating for the emergency access he’s requested. Peter Barr is preparing the draft of the Memo of Understanding and should have it ready for Fire Chief Ron Morgan in the next one to two weeks.

Larry communicated with Eric Moore with the North Carolina Department of Administration and the North Carolina State Parks (the people who purchase land) regarding the purchasing of the lot that is slated for the trail head and parking area. The state is at a point where they are ready to move in the

purchase of the land but they want certain agreements in place with the resort. Larry will be meeting with the Board of Directors on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The area that is in position for purchase is about one acre in size. Once the state purchases the land, there is no agreement at this time for who will maintain that land. There was further discussion regarding this and who this may fall to, as well as having the resort negate any fees being that the area will grow in tourism bringing income to the community.

There was a question regarding the counter on the trail and if anyone had looked at it since Chris Braund left his position. There was discussion about the procedure to operate the counter. It was decided that Clint will get with Chris to find out the procedure. Clint stated that he could get the count every month when he goes to the area for water testing.

Martyn mentioned that they may be able to obtain a count of bikers/hikers from the resorts website hits on that topic.

### **Pool Creek Park – Vic Knight**

The dirt is piled up to create the berm. Melodie stated that Tony tried to work on it but due to all the rocks, they've had Dale Shields come out to work on it. The picnic tables have been installed and the grills are ready to go in. Martyn stated that Memorial Day weekend, there were cars parked in the picnic area. Melody mentioned placing boulder in the area so vehicles couldn't get past them. Ed asked if there were any old tables that could be used on the Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail. Melodie thought there may be one or two. Melodie stated that the new picnic table manufacturer suggested not to paint or stain the new tables because it is treated wood.

Vic is not sure of landscaping at the berm area and what the cost would be. He mentioned that top soil would have to be added, then the landscaping and then mulch. There was discussion of the cost and what part of the budget it could come from. There was discussion regarding the cost and some money that Sam Karr had mentioned was left over from the Jubilee at the last meeting. Melodie mentioned that the Pickle Ball court painting was \$475 and that possibly came from the same money. After further discussion, it was decided that Melodie and Vic would get together to see what the landscaping would cost.

Ed mentioned that Steve had talked to Jonathan regarding the area around the Police Boat House. There was discussion that there was no written agreement of his use of the dock. Ed also mentioned that the other piles of debris, was actually items that Dean will need in the placement of the buoys in the lake. There was discussion regarding the use of the area for construction debris. Ed felt that it was best to let Steve continue the conversation and to see if there is a written agreement and discuss this at the next meeting.

### **Morse Park – Jim Walters**

The Board discussed the Rutherford County Regional Health System Legacy Foundation gives grants to non profit groups which includes municipalities to promote wellness and that Suzy had contacted the foundation. The application for the grant ends in July 2016. The Board discussed that they wanted to get moving on this. There was discussion of where the paving needed to be completed as well as an extension of the walkway in Morse Park to reach around to the town walkway that leads to the Flowering Bridge. There were discussion of the walkway and the many people that use it. It was

mentioned to call the walkway the Town Center Walkway and Nature Trail. There was discussion of the information that will be needed to complete the application. Jim will get with Shannon to work diligently with Suzy on getting the application in.

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

Ed asked about the Black Willows he had asked her to remove and Melodie stated that she had not had the opportunity to get to those yet. The maintenance crew did spend an entire day with a fallen tree on the Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail. Tim Edwards will be working on the culvert and rip-rapping the point. Melodie discussed cutting down the Bradford Pear trees around Town Hall. Vic gave Melodie the name and number of a man from Columbus who would take care of the stumps. Melodie also asked to work on the area in front of the tennis courts. Jim asked that she find out about the stump removal and the cost.

### **Input from Commissioner John Moore**

The Board thanked John for attending the meeting. John informed the Board that the TDA has about \$475k in reserve funds and it would be worth asking them if the money could be used on the walkway. There was discussion to see if they could help with the matching of the trail grant.

### **New Business**

#### **Reviewing of the White Paper Analysis of the issue of Canada Goose Population Management**

The Board reviewed the paper that was prepared by Jim Walters. The Board had time to review it before hand and was pleased with it. Jim will correct a few spelling errors and get it to Valerie to put on town letterhead with a logo before delivering to Town Council at the next meeting.

There was mention that an article will be in the upcoming Mountain Breeze regarding the pros of the geese management program. It was discussed about putting the plan on the website and stress what's been done to get to this point and what needs to be done, including the publics help to continue the program and what may be an end result if the program is not a success. Jim will get will Valerie on this. It was mentioned to put this on the website and to inform local businesses who may get complaints regarding the geese to direct the visitors with the complaints to the website. This will also help local businesses inform visitors to not feed the geese which is hindering the success of the program.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Larry Czajkoski and seconded by Martyn Watts and all were in favor. The June 2, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was adjourned by Jim Walters with all in favor at 2:48 pm

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Kat Canant

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will by June 7, 2016 at 1:30pm