



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting June 1, 2017 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the June 1, 2017 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:35pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters
Ed Dittmer
Dale Minick
Martyn Watts
Bill Massey
Diane Barrett
Larry Czajkoski

Town Officials present:

Town Manager Ron Nalley
Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

ROC Trail Coordinator Hallie Zeedik
Town of Lake Lure Liaison – Clint Calhoun
Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Melodie Potter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the June 1, 2017 meeting was reviewed. **A motion was made to accept the agenda by Ed Dittmer; and seconded by Bill Massey; all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Bill Massey to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Dianne Barrett; all were in favor.**

PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Geese Mitigation -

Ed Dittmer brought the Board up to date on the egg oiling process for 2017. There were 84 eggs oiled and 14 nest were found this year, as reported at the May 4th meeting. There has been no change to those numbers. The resident goose population seems to be diminishing. There were reports of three goslings so far, indicating a pretty thorough targeting of nests for this year. The geese are now going into their flightless phase as they molt their flight feathers, and will remain so for the next couple of months. A total of 550 eggs have been oiled over the last 8years.

Discussion Concerning the Town Waterfront Concessionaire (31 May) and Morse Park Improvement (3 PM, 1 June) Meetings–

Jim Walters gave an update on the work concerning the concessionaire contract for Lake Lure Tours, Washburn Marina, and the Lake Lure Beach. The Town sent out a Request for Information and have received packets from three companies: Lake Lure Tours (the current concessionaire), Rumbling Bald Resort, and a company from Florida. The committee will be working on details for a Request for Proposal in preparation for accepting bids for the contract.

Jim Walters discussed the Morse Park Improvement Committee Meeting following the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting and said that timing is good for starting discussions for improvement of the park. The tennis courts and need for proper restroom facilities has facilitated this much needed discussion. Jim invited anyone who was interested to sit in for the discussion.

Luremont Trail System –

Martyn Watts has spoken with Peter Barr, who has provided an estimate for construction costs for the Luremont Trail. A rough estimate of \$11,500 was given for constructing 2,300 linear feet of trail. This estimate does not include the stairs that would be needed at the top near Asa Gray. The stairs would likely cost an additional \$3,000. Peter also estimated that a “rock hop” would be needed to cross the creek near the trailhead on Memorial Hwy. A drawing/design for the project will cost \$950, for a total of almost \$17,000. On the Pool Creek side of the trail, fencing may be needed around the Town wells. It was estimated that \$20,000 should easily cover the total expenses and any unforeseen costs for the project. There was discussion with regards to available funds and what could be done in the current fiscal year. It was agreed that the Board has \$2,300 to work with to move forward with getting the land surveyed for approximately \$1,300; an additional \$5,000 in the Geese Mitigation line item can be re-purposed if needed. **A motion was made by Martyn Watts to contract with Peter Barr to design the trail and for Melodie Potter to contact the surveyor; the motion was seconded by Ed Dittmer; all were in favor.**

Dittmer-Watts Park and Trail System

Ed Dittmer said that there has been no change. No items to discuss.

Lake Lure Public Golf Course

Dale Minick brought the board up to date stating that in May there were 490 rounds of golf and 27 rounds of foot golf. They are finished with the bunker on #2, with #8 coming up next. They are getting ready for summer with a junior tournament coming up. There are also plans for a foot golf tournament qualifier on August 26.

Buffalo Creek Park and the Trail to Eagle Rock

Larry Czajkoski said that the new trail is done and is approximately 8 miles long. The opening date is still to-be-determined. Larry provided a progress report to Council on May 16th. To-date the Town has received \$1.2 million in grants and donations for Buffalo Creek Park. Larry and Peter Barr have met with Valerie to talk about signage, with more meetings planned. Larry met with Ron Morgan to discuss emergency access. The next meeting will be to discuss cooperative trail management. Hallie Zedick mentioned that the Town may need to consider an additional Americorps position as the position is currently shared between Rutherford County, Rutherford Outdoor Coalition, and the Town of Lake Lure. Signage for Buffalo Creek Park/Weed Patch Mountain, including structures, will be approximately \$20,000.

Hallie gave an update on the counters and said that they have not been working properly. She had them checked by the manufacturer who said that they couldn't find anything wrong with the counters, but said that moisture may be to blame. She has put them back out and will see if they are now working better.

There has been no contact between Clean Water Management Trust Fund and Clint Calhoun regarding the western fire line.

Pool Creek Picnic Park

Diane Barrett mentioned that the sign has been ordered and is supposed to be ready June 5th. The sign will be put up as soon as it comes in.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Bill Massey stated that they have been dealing with theft issues. Plants have been stolen as well as some of the garden art. An arbor has been ordered. Fundraising is underway for a kiosk. Bill is hoping to provide an expense report to Council to show the progress that has been made.

Morse Park

Melodie Potter stated that the paving is hopefully going to take place this month. She calculated that they are mowing approximately 15 acres of grass around Town.

Council Liaison Report -

Commissioner Stephen Webber stated that he failed to report on the geese mitigation efforts at the May Town Council meeting, but that he would be sure to talk about it at the June meeting. Commissioner Webber also mentioned that work on the budget is currently underway and that the Parks and Rec. Board needs to think carefully about its priorities due to the very tight budget for the coming fiscal year.

Adjournment

Jim Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Dittmer made a motion to adjourn, Dianne Barrett seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Town Liaison Clint Calhoun

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be by July 6, 2017 at 1:30pm