



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting November 2, 2017 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the November 2, 2017 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30pm

Roll Call

Board Members present:

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

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Town Manager—Ron Nalley
Town Communications Officer—Valerie Hoffman
Town Environmental Management Officer – Clint Calhoun
Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Melodie Potter
Volunteer Trail Coordinator—Trevor Freeman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the November 2, 2017 meeting was reviewed. **Diane Barrett made a motion to approve the agenda; Bill Massey seconded.**

The Minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting and the October 10, 2017 special meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Bill Massey to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Diane Barrett; all were in favor.**

PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Buffalo Creek Park/Wee Patch Mountain-

Larry Czajkoski gave update on BCP/WPM. Over 500 volunteer hours have been completed since the completion of the trail. Construction on the ¼ mile spur trail along the base of Eagle Rock has started. The spur is being built at no expense to the Town and is expected to be completed in February, 2018. Signs are in progress. Trevor will put them up when done. Cost is estimated at \$1,000. Two kiosks will need to be constructed. The first will be placed at the junction of the BCP loop and what will now be called the Weed Patch Mountain Trail. Cost for this kiosk is estimated at \$5,200 for a dual panel. The second kiosk is a tri-panel to be placed at the BCP trailhead and is estimated to cost \$10,620 for a total of \$15,820 for both. It was suggested that if the Town can come up with 50% of the cost, the Conserving Carolina would cost share the other 50%. According to Larry there is currently \$5,000 leftover in unused Parks and Rec. funds, so essentially only \$5,410 are being asked for. There was some discussion on costs of the kiosks and whether or not additional estimates should be sought.

Larry made a motion to use the leftover funds in Parks and Rec. budget to build kiosk #1. Ed Dittmer seconded; all were in favor. Larry then made a motion to cost share the second kiosk. There was no second. Larry presented the Management/Emergency Access Plan from Tim Johnson for review. Larry said that there is now an agreement for the parking lot that just needs to be signed by all parties. It may be December or January before the agreement goes to Town Council. Trevor said that only one counter is working and that he will work on finding a replacement for the other. Numbers for July were 241 and 143 for August.

Luremont Trail-

Martyn Watts said that the trash pile has been looked at and that it will be moved. Martyn will work up a landscape plan.

Dittmer-Watts-

Ed Dittmer reported that some trees came down in the last storm and need to be removed. Also mentioned that Rutherford Outdoor Coalition would be bringing a bus load of hikers to walk the Weed Patch Mountain Trail on November 13, 2017 and would also be doing a Florence Preserve Hike on November 12, 2017

Pool Creek Park-

Diane Barrett had nothing to report.

Flowering Bridge-

Bill Massey said that they are putting in the pavers at the Flowering Bridge. A new chandelier was installed in the gazebo. The arbor is being built. Getting ready to start developing a surveillance plan.

Golf Course-

No damage from the storm. No discussion.

Morse Park-

Melodie said that they got the trees that were down. Jim Walters presented the final concept drawing to the Board. The plan will be posted for the public. Notices of public hearing will go out. The public hearing will be November 14th before the Council Meeting. **Motion was made by Bill Massey for Jim**

Walters to present approval recommendation resolution to Town Council; Ed Dittmer seconded; all were in favor.

Discussion Concerning Town Waterfront Concessionaire RFP and Morse Park Improvement Progress-

Received three responses from concessionaire proposals. Dean is compiling a scorecard.

Council Liaison Report -

Commissioner Stephen Webber gave appreciation to the Board for all their hard work.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor-

Melodie Potter had nothing to report.

Environmental Management Officer-

Clint Calhoun reported that the tree that had fallen on the extension trail (soon to be Weed Patch Mountain Trail) is not bad enough to require professionals to come in to repair. The trail surface is not impacted. There is a hole below the trail which can be filled with rock and dirt. If necessary, some work in the backslope could be done to widen the trail if an erosion problem starts to occur. Clint also reported that the green salamander population in Buffalo Creek Park is doing quite well. He found eight on his last visit.

Adjournment

Bill Massey made a motion to adjourn, Larry Czajkoski seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:20pm.

**Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun.
The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be December 7, 2017 at 1:30pm.**