



## **Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting**

### **May 3, 2018 Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the May 3, 2018 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 pm at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

#### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Jim Walters, Chairman

Bill Massey

Ed Dittmer

Diane Barrett

Larry Czajkoski

Maureen Bay (Alt. Member)

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor—Melodie Potter

Town Environmental Management Officer – Clint Calhoun

Town Communications Officer—Valerie Hoffman

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

The Agenda for the May 3, 2018 meeting was reviewed. Ed Dittmer requested that they agenda be amended to add a discussion item regarding Mountains to Main Street effort as part of the Dittmer-Watts Trail Park agenda item. Ed also requested that Gees Peace efforts be added to the agenda as well. **Bill Massey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Ed Dittmer seconded; all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Diane Barrett to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Bill Massey; all were in favor.**

#### **GEESE MITIGATION**

Ed Dittmer submitted a report on the 2018 egg-oiling efforts. There has been low productivity in terms of the number of eggs laid this year, despite there being the same number of nests as last year. Ed,

Larry, and Dave Lusk have made two circuits so far. No goslings so far and only two nests with sitting geese for a total of seven eggs which have been oiled. Other nests appear to have been raided by predators. Larry mentioned that they do need to get out on Bald Mountain Lake. A report of the egg oiling efforts is attached (Attachment 1).

## **PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **Buffalo Creek Park/Weed Patch Mountain-**

Larry Czajkoski reported that both trail kiosks have been completed and the signage is installed. All trail signs are installed trail-wide in preparation for the official opening of the trail. The ribbon-cutting will be at the King Ranch on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Attendees are asked to arrive early. Some trees have been removed from the trail but otherwise ready for business. Details are forthcoming regarding the future maintenance agreement discussed at the April meeting. Trevor was unable to attend the meeting so traffic counts will be presented next month. Signage was \$881.00. Larry said, "Valerie has been a huge help and has done so much to get us where we are," in terms of getting the signage designed and printed in such a tight time-frame.

### **Dittmer-Watts-**

Ed Dittmer said that Melodie has removed the trees that were down. Ed and Trevor did some maintenance work to improve drainage and to remove roots that are creating trip hazards. A small controlled burn was conducted in the Park as part of a class the L.L. Fire Dept. was hosting. The Town can get more burning out there for \$15/acre from the NC Forest Service. Some prescribed fire would be beneficial in Dittmer-Watts Park to reduce some of the fuel that is currently out there.

Ed presented a plan that is part of the *Rutherford Bound Tourism Master Plan*, entitled "Connecting Mountains to Main Streets in Rutherford County." The Dittmer-Watts trails are part of a planned trail corridor county-wide being developed by the TDA. This is believed to be an important trail corridor that will have great benefit not only for Lake Lure, but for Rutherford County as a whole. That plan is attached (Attachment 2).

### **Pool Creek Park-**

A need was mentioned to create better access for wheelchair-bound visitors at Pool Creek Park. It was suggested that handicap access should perhaps be a consideration as an addition to the parks and Recreation Master Plan. A specification and material list would be needed before moving forward. Melodie will get prices for Pool Creek Park and Morse Park as well.

### **Flowering Bridge-**

Bill Massey said that L.L. Flowering Bridge participated in Earth Day Celebration at Chimney Rock State Park. Bill said that several visitors were asking for a sign showing where the Flowering Bridge is because "they couldn't find it." They are working on this and will hopefully have them before the World Equestrian Games. Bill will get with Brad to see what is needed from a zoning standpoint. They are partnering with the Chamber and the Town on a beautification campaign using flower pots and hanging baskets. Participating businesses will buy these and put them in prominent places at their business location. "Power in the Flower" is the name of the campaign and they are "not in violation of the peddling ordinance." The LLFB will be celebrating its 5-year anniversary on June 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at

5:30 at Carolina Moon. Artists will be creating luminaries for the event that will be placed on the bridge. Clint will try to fly the drone to get aerial footage during legal flight times just before dark.

**Morse Park-**

Melodie reported that there were 34 dead carp in the pipe between the pond and the lake. The carp harvester graciously got rid of them. There was only one bid for the restroom project. Trying to figure out what to do next as the bid was significantly over what the Town has budgeted. Valerie asked for direction on the EV signs as she is still unclear as to what she needs to get, if anything. She said that signs on the road will most likely not be necessary due to EV sites are well promoted through websites such as Google Maps and EV specialized sites. Ed Dittmer mentioned that the Carolina Birding Club was here and very excited at the number of bird species they were seeing. Bill Massey said that the Sale on the Trail went well.

**176 Boys Camp Road**

Melodie said that the property has been mowed, limbs picked up and generally cleaned up. There are multiple recommendations for its use that will be explored in the future.

**Parks and Recreation Supervisor-**

Nothing additional to report.

**Environmental Management Officer-**

Clint said he would get some aerial photos at the BCP/WPM Trail grand opening event.

**Recognition of Guests and Their Discussion Topics-**

Dave Lusk was present and said thanks to the Board for all they do. Thanks were also given to Dave for his help in the egg-oiling efforts.

**Council Liaison Report -**

Commissioner Webber said he had nothing additional to report.

**Adjournment**

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

Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be June 7, 2018 at 1:30pm.

ATTEST:

  
Jim Walters, Chairman