



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

### **July 5, 2018 Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the July 5, 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

Ed Dittmer

Bill Massey

Dale Minick

Diane Barrett

Martyn Watts

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

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

The Agenda for the July 5, 2018 meeting was reviewed. **Ed Dittmer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Diane Barrett seconded; all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Bill Massey to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Dale Minick; all were in favor.**

#### **2018/19 Budget Discussion**

The budget was approved on June 26, 2018. The Parks and Rec. Director position was left in the budget but was approved for starting on January 1, 2019. Geese mitigation was cut from \$5,000 to \$2,500. Invasive plant management was left the same. The Flowering Bridge was cut from \$10,000 to \$5,000. In general, most items were unchanged and left alone.

## 176 BOYS CAMP ROAD

This property is likely coming off the table as a private park and being dedicated to dredging as the town needs more space to be able to reach the annual removal goal of 30,000 cubic yards. The property would provide the additional storage needed to accommodate this amount. This would also allow Parks and Rec. to reclaim the Morse Park spoils pit and use it as described in the Morse Park Master Plan.

## PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

### Buffalo Creek Park -

Larry Czajkoski reported that the park was closed for 3 weeks due to the damage inflicted by Sub-tropical Storm Alberto. The trail re-opened on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. One section of the BCP Loop Trail has been particularly difficult to repair, but Trevor and a team of volunteers are working feverishly to get this section repaired and are hoping to have it repaired by the end of the day (July 5<sup>th</sup>). Moving forward, a policy is needed regarding park closure following storms or other events that might create a need to close the park. Larry will put together an outline for this. The new bike counter has arrived and is ready for installation. At this time we don't know the status of the new parking lot up at Eagle Rock as NC-9 is still closed. Valerie has ordered 12 park closure signs that can be used for any of our parks. Conserving Carolina received an award for the Wildcat Rock Trail (also in Hickory Nut Gorge). Peter Barr went to Washington D.C. to receive the award which was given for use of sustainable construction methods in trail building. Lastly, Trevor Freeman's service ends at the end of July and the next Americorps volunteer will be coming on board to replace him. Recognition of Trevor's service to the Town will be placed on Council's August agenda.

### Dittmer-Watts-

Ed Dittmer explained that there was tree damage from the recent storms. Melodie has them on her list. Ed thanked Dale Minick for use of a golf cart to get some of the work done on the trail. Clint said that the Town may target some kudzu out there this summer. It was mentioned that it might be valuable to have trail counters installed at Dittmer-Watts to get usage numbers there. **Martyn Watts made a motion to purchase two counters; Bill Massey seconded; all were in favor.**

### Luremont Trails-

Most things are done from a planning standpoint for Luremont. There are four residents up there who have voiced actual concerns. If money is available in the budget, we could begin moving this project forward. Any outstanding grants must be closed before applying for a new one. We could apply during the next cycle.

### Pool Creek Park-

Nothing to report.

### Flowering Bridge-

Bill Massey said that the Flowering Bridge is willing to use the money provided by Town Council for drilling a well for its water use if that is what the Town still wants. Commissioner Webber said that there was no stipulation written into the budget for how those funds should be used. New bricks will be placed on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Some tour groups have been scheduled to visit the bridge. There's lots blooming right now. The luminaires are a great addition to the bridge and have been well-received. Currently

working on a new brochure for the bridge thanks to the mapping work done by Clint and Brad. Training volunteers to act as guides during the World Equestrian Games.

### **Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course**

Dale Minick said that in June we had 84 foot golfers compared to 84 in 2017. We had 472 golfers in June compared to 553 in 2017. A lightning strike fired several golf carts, chargers, a computer and the credit card machine. The carts are fixed, the computer will be repaired hopefully by the end of the day. "Mother Nature is winning!" The Town is purchasing an aerifier, so we will be putting together an aerification schedule. Dale will be doing a master plan for each hole on the golf course to define each one's individual needs and a prescription for maintaining and improving each one as needed. Finished paving projects on the cart path.

### **Morse Park-**

Melodie Potter said that Alberto created lots of issues and has put staff about 2 weeks behind on things due to helping with lake debris cleanup. July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> were very busy and there was lots of trash to cleanup.

### **Parks and Recreation Supervisor-**

Melodie said that they are putting up the hanging baskets as part of the "Power of the Flower" project. Two hay racks full of flowers will go on the Pool Creek Bridge.

### **Environmental Management Officer-**

Nothing to report.

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

No guests were present.

### **Council Liaison Report -**

Commissioner Webber said that some issues had been reported to him by an individual, but the one of most concern had to do with traffic flow in the parking lot over by the marina. This may be something that the Board may want to study to see if the current flow is what works best or is there better alternatives. The parks look good; fabulous job. Council is looking into extending the 25 mph speed limit zone eastward from Pool Creek Park to at least Harris Road, possibly as far up as Washburn Road. While it hasn't been discussed among Council members, it was mentioned that extending the 25 mph zone westward to the city limits sign would be beneficial as well.

**Adjournment**

**Diane Barrett made a motion to adjourn, Martyn Watts seconded the motion, the board was unanimously in favor and Chairman Jim Walters formally adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.**

**Minutes were transcribed by Town Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun.**

**The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be August 2, 2018 at 1:30pm.**

ATTEST:

  
Jim Walters, Chairman