



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting August 2, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the August 2, 2018 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:33 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters, Chairman

Ed Dittmer

Bill Massey

Diane Barrett

Martyn Watts

Larry Czajkoski

Maureen Bay (Alt. Member)

Town Officials present:

Town Council Liaison Stephen Webber

Others present:

Dana Bradley, Rutherford Outdoor Coalition

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor—Melodie Potter

Town Clerk – Michelle Jolley

Absent:

Dale Minick

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the August 2, 2018 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Barrett seconded and the motion carried 7-0**

The Minutes of the July 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mr. Dittmer seconded and the motion carried 7-0.**

176 BOYS CAMP ROAD

Commissioner Stephen Webber stated that there was no new business to report.

PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Czajkoski reported that the AmeriCorps team finished the repairs to the trails damaged by the recent tropical storm. He pointed out that Trevor Freeman's term with AmeriCorps has ended noting that a new AmeriCorps representative will start in September. Until this time, he noted that Dana Bradley would be filling in this role. Mr. Czajkoski explained that he is working to put together a policy for implantation of park closure during storm events or other natural disasters and will bring back to present to the Board at a later time. He stated that two counters were installed at the trails and the count for July and August would be available during the September meeting.

Buffalo Creek Park -

Mr. Dittmer reported that a rescue took place on the Weed Patch Mountain Trail. He stated that two fire departments responded and located the hikers noting that the markers worked great in helping with that rescue.

Mr. Watts reported on Luremont Trails mentioning that there's an opportunity to apply for a grant next year with a 25% match requirement.

Dittmer-Watts-

Mr. Dittmer reported that fallen trees have been removed and mentioned an erosion issue at the trail head. He stated that three gates were installed at the trails.

Flowering Bridge-

Mr. Massey stated that he received a call from a gentleman asking to donate .89 acres with 120' of riverfront property on the opposite side of the Bridge for a tax write off, noting that the Town Manager stated he was interested in pursuing. Mr. Massey added that there are no back taxes owed on this property. He stated that the property owner included a stipulation that the Town leave him a right-of-way to use for access to the water with his canoe. Commissioner Webber added that the Town may want to include a stipulation in the agreement that the Flowering Bridge be allowed use of that property as long as they are in existence.

Chairman Walters made a motion to allow Mr. Massey to continue to pursue and accept this donation of property to the Town of Lake Lure. Mr. Massey seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Massey pointed out that the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge still wishes to have a wayfinding sign located somewhere on Memorial Highway helping to direct traffic to the location of the Bridge. He noted that the Flowering Bridge Committee is working on a kiosk noting that the TDA promised a \$3,000 grant to help with the \$10,000 budget for this kiosk. Mr. Massey then thanked the Town for their \$5,000 donation to the Flowering Bridge.

Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course

Ms. Bay provided a report on the Golf Course noting that a new aerifier is being purchased and mentioned that the total number of visitors is down from last year.

Ms. Bay and Ms. Barrett reported on beautification programs happening over the next week noting that volunteers are needed.

Morse Park-

Ms. Potter stated that the new benches have come in and are being placed around the river and playground and mentioned the new hanging baskets have been hung. She stated that the new trash cans have been installed in the two picnic areas.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor-

Ms. Potter mentioned that one of her employees, Andie Ogle, recently moved to a position with Public Works and the Town will be rehiring for the open position.

Mr. Dittmer reported that the Olympiad starts next weekend and volunteers are still needed.

Recognition of Guests and Their Discussion Topics-

No one from the public requested to speak during this time.

Council Liaison Report -

Commissioner Webber pointed out that the Town purchased a trash boom which would be installed in the river to help catch debris before it makes its way into the lake. He mentioned that there was a proposal to change the speed limit from 35 to 25 from the Pool Creek Bridge to Washburn Road to help decrease traffic speeds and asked for a recommendation from the Board. After discussion, the Board recommended changing the speed limit from 35 to 25 from the east end of Harris Road to Chimney Rock Village limits.

Mr. Dittmer made a motion to recommend to Town Council that the posted speed limit in the Town Center be set at 25mph extended from the east end of Harris Road by the Grafton Lodge to the Chimney Rock town limits. Mr. Massey seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Stephen Webber reported that a citizen made a suggestion to him that traffic in the parking areas near the Washburn Marina and Morse Park be designated as one-way only to avoid confusion and potential accidents. After discussion, the Board suggested adding additional traffic arrows denoting the one-way traffic flow throughout that parking area pending further refinements at a later time and suggested the Police Department make the recommendations on the locations for the directional arrows. Ms. Potter also suggested discussing the location of these arrows with Sonya Ledford with Lake Lure Tours.

Commissioner Webber stated that an Ordinance was started but never completed for commercial use of parks to allow a provision for food trucks and asked to revive this discussion in order to make a recommendation to Council. Chairman Walters stated he would include this on next month's Agenda. Mr. Massey suggested tying flea markets into the Ordinance as well.

Adjournment

Ms. Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm. Mr. Dittmer seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Minutes were transcribed by Town Clerk Michelle Jolley.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be September 6, 2018 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman