



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

July 11, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the July 11, 2019 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Walters
Ed Dittmer
Bill Massey
Dale Minick
Martyn Watts
Dan Bragdon
Maureen Bay

Board Members absent:

Larry Czajkoski

Town Council Members present:

Other Town Staff Present:

Laura Krejci, Town Communication Specialist
Dean Givens, Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Lake Director
Garrett Murphy, Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Others in Attendance:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the July 11, 2019 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mr. Minick seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Mr. Walters addressed the Board mentioning a structure for board meetings that Ms. Canant, Board Recording Clerk, had emailed him. Mr. Walters stated that he wanted to add a couple of items and send it to Board Members for their review and ideas and to return it in September. During this time Mr. Walters also stated he would not be at the August meeting.

Parks, Recreation & Lake June 2019 Report – Mr. Garrett Murphy

Mr. Murphy stated that the entire department has been very busy out in Town and Mr. Givens was busy with management of the PR&L. There was a discussion regarding the fine job that Mrs. Potter and Mr. Landrum have been doing and had done for the July 3rd and 4th festivities. Mr. Murphy briefly reviewed the report and the Board had no questions. Mr. Walters did state that he appreciates the detailed information on the report.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock – Mr. Ed Dittmer (via Mr. Czajkoski's report)

Mr. Dittmer informed the Board that the Weed Patch Mountain Trail has been recognized as one of the best new trails in the nation. This comes from the National Coalition for Recreational Trails. It was awarded the Achievement Award in the Category of Trail design and Construction. Mr. Barr traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the award along with trail-builder Mr. Chris "Shrimper" Khare. Mr. Barr presented the Parks and Recreation Board the Plaque at the July 9th Lake Lure Town Council Meeting. The Board was excited with this accomplishment and asked that the Award hang in Town Hall. The Board discussed the trail's success and acknowledged Mr. Czajkoski's dedicated work to the trail and to the Town. Mr. Dittmer also mentioned the hard work given by Conserving Carolina and Mr. Peter Barr.

Mr. Dittmer further discussed the great condition of the Weed Patch Mountain Trail. Conserving Carolina continues to maintain the trail and has volunteered 84.5 hours in June alone. There was discussion that the volunteering would continue through their agreement. Mr. Dittmer stated that Mr. Czajkoski is discussing a future trail Maintenance Agreement with the Town involving Conserving Carolina. Mr. Dittmer also discussed Buffalo Creek Park and that it is also in great condition and Ms. Dana Bradley along with volunteers from the Rutherford Outdoor Coalition created 40 berms to help divert water off the trail. Mr. Dittmer further discussed other trail maintenance and what is planned for the next work day. Mr. Murphy distributed to the Board counter numbers and reviewed them with the Board. Mr. Murphy asked to be kept in the loop for discussions with Conserving Carolina regarding future trail maintenance.

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer thanked Mr. Givens, Mr. Murphy and Tim Edward's Landscaping for their work on the drainage issues at the start of the Mountain Vista Trail and at the meadow on the trail. Mr. Dittmer also discussed other maintenance that was addressed and presented the Board with photos.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey thanked Mr. Murphy for the installation of the signage. Mr. Massey informed the Board that the land across from the Flowering Bridge along the river on Chimney Cliffs Drive was donated to the Town and is to be used as recreational property. Mr. Massey also reviewed garden changes that are planned as well as plants that are being donated by Proven Winners Gardens. Mr. Massey discussed the many tour groups that have visited the Flowering Bridge as well as some that are scheduled in the future. Counter numbers were reviewed with the Board and Mr. Massey was very encouraged by the large numbers. He stated that these numbers will assist them when applying for grants.

Lake Lure Public Golf Club – Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Minick mentioned that in June there had been 724 rounds of golf which is up 250 from last year. He reviewed other numbers as well as mentioned that the golf groups are very active. Mr. Minick discussed that

there had been a letter written to the town with concerns regarding the golf course. These were being addressed. Mr. Minick further reviewed that the greens will be aerated and the Board members commented that the greens looked remarkably well. Mr. Minick advised the Board that the Disc Golf Association is looking at Lake Lure as a Tournament venue.

Morse Park – Mrs. Melodie Potter

Mrs. Potter was not present to discuss.

Boys Camp Road Property – Mr. Moe Bay

Mrs. Bay reviewed with the Board that moving forward with the project has been delayed. Mr. Givens mentioned that everything was on hold until May 2020 when they will be applying for a grant where the application process closes in May of 2020. Mr. Givens stated that the Town has a good chance of being awarded the same. Mrs. Bay addressed the Board and felt that the naming of the property should be revisited. Mr. Walters asked Ms. Canant if forming a group was permitted under the criteria as an action of the Board and she stated that if it were designated as a “Committee” it was permitted. There was further discussion regarding making this a Committee effort.

Mr. Walters made a motion that the Board form a committee to research and bring suggestions back to the Board regarding the naming of the Boys Camp Road Property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bragdon and all were in favor.

It was agreed that Mrs. Bay and Mr. Walters along with Town of Lake Lure staff member Mr. Murphy form the committee. Ms. Canant will seek advice from Town Clerk Michelle Jolley regarding the rules of a Committee and get the information to Mrs. Bay.

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Mrs. Melodie Potter

Mrs. Potter was not present to discuss.

Town Staff Liaisons – Mr. Dean Givens and Mr. Garrett Murphy

Mr. Givens and Mr. Murphy had nothing further to add.

Input from Town Council Liaison – Mr. Stephen Webber

Mr. Webber was not present to discuss. Town Manager Shannon Baldwin did take a moment to thank Mr. Givens and Mr. Murphy for staying on top of their new positions and being there for the Board.

Discussion & Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters

Mrs. Krejci reviewed future events in the Town with the Board. Mr. Dittmer also took a moment to remind the Board of the Olympiad and stated they still needed a few volunteers.

Wade Opplinger with Lake Lure Racing & Rowing Retreats mentioned to the Board they are in the process of planning a Regatta but they’ve yet to work out an exact date. There was discussion regarding dates and when would be a good time to use the Lake for the Regatta.

Mrs. Krejci asked for feed back from the Board regarding the July 3rd Fireworks event. There was discussion that the amount of visitors may have exceeded 3000.

There was further discussion regarding Lake Patrolling and Lake Lure Tour Boats on the Lake.

Adjournment

Mr. Massey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 pm. Mr. Minick seconded and the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Kat Canant, LLPD Admin Assistant

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be August 1, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman