



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

**August 1, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Mr. Ed Dittmer called to order the August 1, 2019 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Lure Town Hall.

### **Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Ed Dittmer  
Bill Massey  
Dale Minick  
Martyn Watts  
Maureen Bay  
Larry Czajkoski

### **Board Members absent:**

Jim Walters  
Dan Bragdon

### **Town Council Members present:**

Stephen Webber

### **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  
Melodie Potter, Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Staff

### **Others in Attendance:**

Ms. Dana Bradley – AmeriCorps Trail Coordinator

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

The Agenda for the August 1, 2019 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Watts seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

The Minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mrs. Bay seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

#### **Special Topics – Presentation & Discussions**

*Proposal to rescind the motion made to form a Committee to discuss Boys Camp Road matters – Mrs. Bay explained the reasoning to rescind the formal forming of a Committee and that a formal Committee would require formal postings, minutes, etc.*

*Mrs. Bay made a Motion to rescind the motion made to form a Committee to discuss Boys Camp Road matters. There was a brief discussion and the Board agreed the need for a formal Committee was not warranted. Mr. Massey seconded the Motion and all were in favor.*

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

Mr. Murphy reviewed the report with the Board. Mr. Czajkoski asked about the meeting coming up with the Marine Commission regarding the lake lowering schedule. Mr. Givens explained the lowering schedule that has been in place and the purpose of the meeting was to get the public's feedback on revising the schedule. Mr. Givens stated the Marine Commission Meeting would be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Mr. Czajkoski also made an inquiry regarding the signage at the trails. Mr. Murphy stated that the signs are in the process and will be placed at trail heads. There was discussion regarding making the signs consistent with all trail signs. Mr. Czajkoski also asked for clarification on the Boys Camp Road committee. Mr. Murphy stated that the informal committee would meet and discuss Boys Camp Road proposed campground and the naming policies. Mr. Murphy also took a moment to inform the Board that the EPA grant that had been applied for had been turned down but that they would reapply in 2020.

There was discussion regarding the Storm Debris Booms and how they worked.

Mr. Dittmer asked Mr. Givens about the plans for moving the dirt at the spoils pits. Mr. Givens explained the process and there was further discussion regarding moving the dirt to form the planned Viewing Area at Morse Park. There was further discussion and it was suggested that the Board meet with Mr. Givens prior to the next Park and Recreation Board Meeting, to tour the area and give feedback to Mr. Givens on proceeding with the dirt moving. There was continued discussion and suggestion that Mr. Tim Edwards could draw up a quick concept of the slope needed for the viewing area mound.

**Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock – Mr. Czajkoski** Mr. Czajkoski informed the Board that there were 79 volunteered hours at Weed Patch Mountain from the Conserving Carolina volunteers. Mr. Czajkoski stated the trails looked in good shape. He also mentioned that a new viewing area was added by the land owner at Flap Jack Rock. Ms. Bradley reviewed with the Board a detailed chart showing the counter numbers for the Weedpatch Mountain trail system. Ms. Bradley stated that she was very pleased with the numbers and that they were continuing to trend in a high direction. Ms. Bradley also mentioned that there will be a trail work day on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer**

Mr. Dittmer stated that the park looked great and the trails were clear. He had not checked them since the storm came through on 7/31/19. There is work that needs done on the Roller Coaster Trail. Mr. Dittmer would like to get a work party together for trail work in the Fall.

#### **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey**

Mr. Massey informed the Board that there have been many visitors on the bridge. There were also new lines painted for parking. Mr. Massey brought the Board up to date with tours from Our State Magazine and AAA

Tours. Mr. Massey also informed the Board that in 2018 for a period of 216 days that there had been 20087 passes by on the counters. There was a brief discussion about how many times one person may pass the counters on the same visit as well as Flowering Bridge gardeners that were working that would pass by. Mr. Massey also informed the Board that Chimney Rock Village applied for a grant and it was approved to connect the River Walk with the Flowering Bridge walkway. He stated they were currently working on easements and was unsure of other details.

#### **Lake Lure Public Golf Club – Mr. Dale Minick**

Mr. Minick mentioned that they topped the record in July with 884 rounds of golf. He mentioned there were 114 Foot Golf Games played. Mr. Minick stated that they are continuing to maintain the greens. He also informed the Board that the Disc Golf Tournament has a tentative date set for November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Morse Park – Mrs. Melodie Potter**

Mrs. Potter informed the Board that she, Mr. Landrum and Mr. Murphy spent the morning cutting downed trees in the park from the storm on 7/31/19. She additionally mentioned that Mr. Murphy is in the process of power washing the docks. There was a discussion regarding the Marina Project. Mr. Givens stated that he is currently working with engineers before it goes out for bidding.

#### **Boys Camp Road Property – Mr. Moe Bay**

Mrs. Bay stated there was nothing new to add. Mrs. Bay mentioned that the project was still on hold until 2020. Mr. Bay mentioned to the Board about a commercial that's running on Channel 13 that the TDA put out promoting Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. She also mentioned Conserving Carolina's Annual Conservation Celebration in Mill Spring on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Caitlyn Farms.

#### **Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor – Mrs. Melodie Potter**

Mrs. Potter stated there was nothing new to add.

#### **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 reminded the Board of the Marine Commission Meeting and the purpose of getting feedback from the public. He mentioned that the continuation of the lowing of the lake has created damage. The Commission is looking to revise the policy if needed. Mr. Webber also commended Mr. Murphy on the great job he was doing. Mr. Webber also encouraged others to follow Ms. Bradley using charts and graphs to show use or on going work.

Ms. Bradley mentioned that Kayla Johnson will begin her AmeriCorps training in August and she will be the new liaison with the Town.

#### **Discussion & Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters**

There were no guests.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Minnick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 pm. Mrs. Bay 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 September 5, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Jim Walters, Chairman