



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

December 5, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the December 5, 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, Chairman

Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman

Maureen Bay, Board Member

Bill Massey, Board Member

Martyn Watts, Board Member

Dale Minick, Board Member

Board Members absent:

Larry Czajkoski, Board Member

Dan Bragdon, Alternate Board Member

Town Council Members present:

Commissioner Stephen Webber

Other Town Staff Present:

Laura Krejci, Town Communication Specialist

Garrett Murphy, Town Parks and Recreation Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the December 5, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Dittmer made a motion to accept the Agenda. Mr. Watts seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Watts made a motion to accept the Minutes. Mrs. Bay seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Recognition of the contributions of Commissioner Webber as Town Council Liaison

Mr. Walters thanked Commissioner Webber for his dedication to the Board. He stated that the Board is immensely grateful for the contributions that will be forever a part of the Town. Commissioner Webber stated that he was proud to have been a part of such a supportive Board for the Town of Lake Lure.

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

Mr. Murphy reviewed the report with the Board and asked for questions. Mr. Murphy mentioned that the bidding process for the Boardwalk had been completed. He reviewed current work that Mr. Tim Edwards was

doing in Morse Park. The Board was happy with the work being done. Mr. Murphy discussed the Buffalo Creek Trailhead parking lot and that he was working on applying for grants in the Spring to fund \$150k project. Mr. Murphy discussed the Boys Camp Road campground and that he would be completing a PARTIF Grant next year.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weed patch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock – Mr. Czajkoski (via email)

Mr. Walters read Mr. Czajkoski's email to the Board. Mr. Czajkoski discussed the maintenance that had been done on the Weed Patch Mountain Trail and that Conserving Carolina donated a total of 247.5 hours consisting of 52.5 Staff hours and 195 volunteer filed hours in November. Mr. Czajkoski's email reviewed trail work that had been done following a wind event. He reviewed work that Conserving Carolinas Rock Crushers Trail Crew had completed on WPM Trail and the Summit Court and Saddlewood access points. Mr. Czajkoski discussed in his email the trail counters and that the numbers were continuing to grow. Mr. Czajkoski also wrote and mentioned the very good work and effort that Commissioner Webber had given to the Board by his continued support and encouragement.

The Board discussed the possible cost of the continuation of trail maintenance and it was mentioned that Conserving Carolina may be able to give a reduced rate. It was also discussed that the Town may look into hiring a Trail Maintenance person. There was further discussion on the cost of doing either. Mr. Murphy mentioned that there would be a work day on the Dittmer-Watts trail system this weekend (12/7/2019).

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Martyn Watts

Mr. Dittmer reviewed the work day that Callia organized and mentioned that Town Staff and volunteers helped to create a Vista on the Mountain Vista trail. Mr. Dittmer also mentioned arboring work that was needed in the same area. Mr. Dittmer stated that there had been 1,000 counts on the trail counter for November.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey reviewed the Light Up the Gorge event and thanked Laura Krejci for her hard work in planning the event. Mr. Massey also reviewed the trail counters and that a new one will be purchased. He also stated that a new donation box is being installed and there are now cameras installed, as well as Duke Power is planning on installing a street light on location.

Lake Lure Public Golf Club – Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Minick reviewed the successful Disc Golf event with the Board. There was discussion regarding the event and its future. Mr. Minick mentioned that there were players from seven states that came. Mr. Minick reviewed golf round numbers with the Board and stated that November was another record month with 405 rounds of golf being played, making now a total of 5880 rounds for the year (there were 3725 rounds total in 2018). Mr. Minick discussed irrigation needs for the greens when the Lake is drawn down. The Board discussed possible options.

Morse Park - Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters had nothing further to add.

Rumble Event Support – Mrs. Moe Bay

Mrs. Bay reviewed the event with the Board and gave a tentative date of February 14th – 16th. Mrs. Bay discussed the times that volunteers would need to be at the park to man the information tent. She also reviewed plans to help local businesses at the event. Mrs. Bay mentioned that Mr. Murphy was taking care of permits needed for the event.

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

Mr. Murphy had nothing further to add.

Input from Town Council Liaison – Mr. Stephen Webber

Commissioner Webber asked to leave the Board with this thought on his departure from serving as the Board Liaison and that was to keep thinking 2-4 years ahead and always look down the road for wisdom in planning.

Discussion & Recommendations from Guests, Residents & Voters

Mrs. Krejci reviewed upcoming events. Mr. Dittmer mentioned the success of the Veterans Day event.

Ms. Canant mentioned that with the lake draw down and that due to past mishaps with walkers venturing out onto the lake bed and getting stuck, that it may be advisable to post signs around Morse Park. The Board discussed posting signs.

Adjournment

Mr. Minick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 pm. Mr. Watts seconded and the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Kat Canant, Recording Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be January 2, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman


Kat Canant, Recording Clerk