



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2020 via ZOOM

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the November 5, 2020 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman

Mr. Dan Bragdon, Alternate

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Mr. Bill Massey

Mrs. Maureen Bay

Mr. Dale Minick

Board Members absent:

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman

Mr. Martyn Watts

Town Council and Officials present:

Councilman Christopher Patrick Bryant

Other Town Staff Present:

Laura Krejci, Town of Lake Lure Communications Specialist

Ms. Dana Bradley – Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Trails Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the November 5, 2020 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Minick made a motion to approve the Agenda and Mrs. Bay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Minick made a motion to approve the Minutes and Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion

Parks, Recreation & Lake Report – Ms. Dana Bradley

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Parks, Recreation and Lake Report. (Attached) Ms. Bradley also mentioned the grant for the Boys Camp Road land was declined however she is getting proper paperwork in order and will refile again in 2021.

Mr. Bragdon mentioned ways to monetize parks in the future with events.

Ms. Bradley reviewed the many volunteer hours that is well worthy of being mentioned. Volunteers assist on park trails and are now taking monthly water samples for the town. There was a discussion on how to publicize when work days are occurring to continue bringing in volunteer workers. Ms. Bradley spoke to Ms. Bailey Hornstein, who was attending the meeting. Ms. Hornstein will make sure work days are made public. There was discussion to get that information to the Rumbling Bald neighbors as well. The next work day will be November 10th. Ms. Bradley mentioned water samples last month on the lake looked good, with only one creek with high numbers, which is normal with the storms that moved through.

There was discussion regarding the number of slips available at the new Marina Water Walk, which Councilman Bryant mentioned there were 184 slips taken and 24 available.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weed Patch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock – Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Buffalo Creek Park trails continue to be used with high traffic according to counters. Mr. Czajkoski mentioned the importance of a formal parking area at the trail head on Buffalo Creek as the current parking area continues to be full causing users to park alongside Buffalo Creek Road. Mr. Czajkoski mentioned the plans that had been made over the past several years with the one acre land that can be used as parking and it needs to continue to be looked at and hopefully completed. Ms. Bradley reviewed work done on the trails and mentioned that the plexiglass was replaced at the trailhead kiosk. Ms. Bradley also mentioned that just after the last meeting where she reported the trails were cleaned up and looked great, the storm came through and knocked down approximately 15 large trees that will need chainsaws to be cut up. She mentioned that due to the Party Rock Fire effecting the root systems of these trees, that with saturation from rain, and wind, she felt this was the cause of the loss of trees. They will be working on removing these and cleaning the Weed Patch Mountain Trail. Ms. Bradley is sending out emails for help with this task. Ms. Bradley also mentioned two new trail signs clarifying travel as well as a new shortcut trail being completed.

There was further discussion regarding the parking at the trailhead one acre lot. Mr. Czajkoski stated the plans have been done and that it's just funding they're waiting on. He asked the Board to search for funding through donations, continue seeking funds from the Town as well as private donations. He is hoping to have this completed in the next few years.

Mr. Bragdon offered continued monetizing effort suggestions with opportunities from vendors to run events on the trails. He suggested pulling in a summer Intern to help in finding ways to monetize Town parks and trails. He suggested the biking trails and having timed runs with prizes that could be donated. There was continued discussion about the use of the trails and if an event such as the timed runs would be supported on such a trail. There was continued discussion regarding same.

Ms. Bradley reviewed the numbers from the trail counters. (Attached)

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer and Mr. Watts were not present.

Mr. Bragdon inquired to the use of Dittmer-Watts as a biking trail using obstacles on the course. There was discussion regarding the use of the trails. Mr. Walters spoke that because the trails were built with the designation of hiking trails, he didn't think mountain biking would be permitted but Mr. Dittmer would know more. It was discussed that because the trails were designed to be nature trails, it is meant for lower impact and not designed for biking. There was further discussion. Ms. Bradley informed the Board that the Beaver had

built another dam, which has now been destroyed, and Ms. Bradley hopes the Beaver will peacefully find another place for a habitat.

Ms. Bradley took a moment to review the progress on the Luremont Trail, stating that there was only one small change to the original plan and that was a new ending point, which made it about 40 yards shorter. She reviewed the trail with the Board and asked for a recommendation and approval to continue with the trail progress.

Mr. Massey made a recommendation for Ms. Bradley to move forward with the plans for the Luremont Trail. Mr. Czajkoski seconded the recommendation and all members were in favor.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Ms. Bradley reviewed the counter numbers. (Attached) Mr. Massey mentioned that the two donation boxes were again tampered with, one being broken into, the other attempted but failed to be broken into. There is video of the criminals and Lake Lure Police Department is investigating. The money in the boxes had just been collected so they figure the criminals got away with about \$200, but the boxes are now off site and will be repaired. The video camera had also been broken during the process, but not before video was recorded.

Mr. Massey reviewed the auction that netted the Flowering Bridge \$2,200 and thanks Mrs. Bay for her efforts in planning the auction which was an online auction. Lights will go up for the holidays but there will not be an event to light, like in passing years, due to COVID. There are also plans to create an educational compost center, which the Town is assisting with.

Mrs. Bay reviewed the Auction with the Board stating that a committee was chosen to plan the event and they chose an auction platform to auction the “Here Comes the Sun” items that had been used on the bridge as well as other items from Lake Lure Artists. A total of 32 items were auctioned grossing over \$2,480. There were additional donations made as well of \$160.00

Lake Lure Public Golf Course – Mr. Dale Minick

Mr. Minick reviewed that there were 718 golfers in October which made a total for the year thus far of 7,254. He mentioned the Foot Golfing was dwindling. Mr. Minick did mention the team from Brevard College had come to use the course with about 35 in their team.

The course is coming along well and they are finishing up the re-draining of the bunkers of the 4th hole, with hole #7 next. In September there were 184 Disc Golf players.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walters boast that the park continues to be used heavily and it is looking beautiful. He mentioned events at the Gazebo continue such as weddings.

Boys Camp Road Park Planning – Ms. Moe Bay

Ms. Bay had nothing new to add being that the grant was not granted to the Town. Ms. Bradley stated again that she will be working on funds from the grant in 2021. Ms. Bradley also mentioned that due to the heavy growth of Kudzu at the site, she had a contractor come out and treat the land before it got worse.

Parks & Recreation Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Bragdon again mentioned the use of a summer intern and mentioned steps to take to bring one in. He also mentioned the use of vendors and making the dam releases public so that kayaking companies and tubing

companies could use this time to bring traffic to the area. He inquired as to if the release dates and times could be published.

Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Christopher Patrick Bryant

Commissioner Bryant mentioned discussed the events planned in upcoming months were still dependent on the COVID restrictions. He did mention the Polar Plunge was on again and that they had plans in place for safe distancing and masks. They would also have online registration. Commissioner Bryant discussed the concession agreements and that the golf course was reaching the end of their 10 year agreement and at that time the Council is reevaluating its use. He mentioned RFP's will be put out for the golf course to see what would be best for the Town's use of that land at this point in time.

Commissioner Bryant discussed monetization of parks and lake use fees and that there is structure in place such as paying for use of the lake. He mentioned that the parks have always been an open road to the public to enjoy our area. Commissioner Bryant reviewed the revenue from the Morse Park Gazebo. He also mentioned a revised Peddlers Ordinance and Concession Agreement which would allow places such as Lured Market the ability to have vendors at their location, and spoke of the possibility of a Farmer's Market. Commissioner Bryant mentioned grant opportunities and what's good for our Town Assets.

Ms. Bay inquired into the new fees for Cluster Moorings on the Lake, such as those at Lake Lure Village Resort and Rumbling Bald. Commissioner Bryant explained that even though communities that had Cluster Moorings were charging residents for using them, they Town had never charged for that use of having Cluster Moorings on the Lake but with the latest Lake Use Regulations, the Town now charges for that use.

Ms. Laura Krejci had to leave the meeting earlier however left notes that reviewed the Veterans Day event planned at Rumbling Bald. The information is on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Mr. Walters ended the meeting thanking the Board for their support to the Town and reminded them to stay the course and wished them Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjournment

Mr. Massey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m. Mr. Minick seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be December 3, 2020 at 1:30 pm. It is currently scheduled to be a ZOOM internet meeting.

ATTEST:



Jim Walters, Chairman



Kat Canant, Board Clerk



Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

October 27, 2020

PREPARED FOR:

Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>Not selected for PARTF funding – reapplying during next grant cycle</i>	2. PR&L Self-funded - <i>Complete</i>	3. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail has been scouted; permits have been filed</i>	6. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
7. Landscaping at Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Fall 2020</i>	8. Replacement of Storm Water Drain at Marina – <i>Complete</i>	9. Repairs at Buffalo Creek Park – <i>Vandalism – New plexiglass has been ordered and will be installed soon</i>
10. Grant for Dredging – <i>Complete</i>	11. Signs for Boardwalk/Marina and parks – <i>Complete</i>	12. SOP for PR&L Maintenance – <i>Working with Melodie to create detailed SOP</i>
13. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	14. Locate Sewer Lines - <i>Dredging purposes</i>	15. Dredge Plan for 2020 – <i>Complete</i>

16. Spillway in Small Pond across from ABC Store – <i>Complete</i>	17. Amphitheater Grass – <i>Reseeding Complete</i>	18. Deep Water Launch – <i>Create for allowing equipment to launch during lake drawdown</i>
19. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	20. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>	21. Camera System for Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Complete</i>
22. Naming Rights – <i>Working to establish policy</i>	23. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>	

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Attended Basic Law Enforcement Training 5 nights a week
2. Completed dredging grant and submitted it
3. Contacted Pisgah Area SORBA and they agreed to partner with us for some of the Weed Patch Mountain tree removals
4. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
5. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 10/13 to repair erosion issues and remove fallen trees – 5 volunteers; 25 volunteer hours
6. Led Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail workday on 10/21 to remove beaver dam causing flooding on the trail – 5 volunteers; 15 volunteer hours
7. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 10/27 to remove several trees that had fallen between the Saddlewood Access and Linden Place – 5 volunteers; 30 volunteer hours
8. Cleared more fallen trees and obstacles from Saddlewood Emergency Access for Weed Patch Mountain Trail
9. Met with Dan Bragdon about potential ways to monetize assets
10. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
11. Got Travis Smith to spray kudzu at Boys Camp Road property
12. Updates/revisions are in progress for the Lake Lure Naming Rights Policy
13. Worked on landscaping plan and plant order for new boardwalk
14. Checked trails counters at Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and the Flowering Bridge
15. Collected water samples and recruited/trained 2 new volunteers to help collect them – 2 volunteers; 10 volunteer hours
16. Utilized a total of 80 volunteer hours
17. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
2. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
3. Put out Fall decorations
4. Pulled up remaining summer annuals
5. Measured gravel needed for Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail wet area
6. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with Clorox

Lake Activities:

1. Boat maintenance
2. Lake debris clean-up
3. Buoy replacement/maintenance
4. Preparing to send out commercial boat permit applications

I. FOLLOW UP

1. Luremont Trail: All necessary permits to begin construction on the new Luremont Trail have been applied for.
2. Boys Camp Road: We were not selected for PARTF funding this year, but are reapplying.
3. Dredging Grant: Grant submitted; waiting on approval
4. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for drafting a Naming Rights Policy for Town properties.
5. Lake Lure Trails: Work days will be held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained.

II. OTHER

Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Days with data
2018	LL Flowering Bridge						8,412	23,829	17,368	11,199	14,662	7,051	4,006	206
2019	LL Flowering Bridge	1,248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					173
2020	LL Flowering Bridge						7,798	16,105	17,342	17,876				132

Trail Counter Data - Buffalo Creek Park, Weed Patch Mountain, and Dittmer-Watts Trails: October 2020

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