



**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 4, 2021 via ZOOM**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the March 4, 2021 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board Members present:

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman  
Mrs. Maureen Bay  
Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robin Worcester  
Mr. Mark Hoek, Alternate

**Board Members absent:**

Mr. Larry Czajkoski  
Mr. Dan Bragdon

**Town Council and Officials present:**

Councilman Christopher Patrick Bryant

**Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:**

Laura Krejci, Town of Lake Lure Communications Specialist  
Ms. Dana Bradley – Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Trails Coordinator  
Ms. Bailey Hornstein – Rutherford Outdoor Coalition

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

The Agenda for the March 4, 2021 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Agenda and Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Minutes and Mr. Hoek seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

**Special Topics – Presentation & Discussions**

There were no special topics.

**Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion**

### **Parks, Recreation & Lake Report – Ms. Dana Bradley**

Mr. Walters thanked Ms. Bradley for the monthly reports stating how much they offered information to the Board. Ms. Bradley reviewed the report. She mentioned the Marina Landscaping will be completed by Friday and the members of the Board commented positively on the new look. Ms. Bradley also stated that she has taken a look at the Open Space Plan, and remarked regarding the many, many changes that needed to be done. She will be working on this and add all the new trails. She welcomed help from the Board in which several mentioned being willing to help. Ms. Bradley discussed the Luremont Trail and stated there were some legal issues that needed to be addressed before moving forward. There was discussion regarding the Deep Water Launch which was mentioned in the report. It will be located by the LLFD boat house.

Mrs. Bay asked when the town light post snowflakes would come down and Ms. Bradley mentioned she would get with Melodie and Carl and have them removed Friday. Mrs. Bay also remarked about a pathway area by the Marina that needed attention. Ms. Bradley took note and stated she would look at it and ascertain who would need to fix it. Mrs. Bay also inquired as to if there would be a dredging calendar for the public and Ms. Bradley mentioned that there was no final schedule but that as soon as Council approved it, she would get it out to the public. There was a discussion regarding the work being done in front of the beach area to for drainage improvement as well as extending the paver walkway in several areas.

There was discussion regarding having Melody or Carl at the meetings. Ms. Bradley mentioned that it was requested before however it was determined that since Ms. Bradley was present at the meetings, Melody and Carl could continue working where they were needed. Ms. Bradley assured the Board that she interacts with both employees closely and will relay any messages. Mrs. Bay asked about the flowering baskets and stated Melodie had done such a good job in the past, and wondered if they would go back up this year. Ms. Bradley text Melodie and later in the meeting mentioned Melodie would be placing six flowering pots up this year.

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

Mr. Czajkoski was unable to attend however left a report for Mr. Walters to review with the Board. (See attached). Ms. Bradley reviewed work for the planned parking at the Buffalo Creek Park Trail Head. She is looking at a grant that requires no match in funds. She is getting proposals for the work and plans on having 40 parking spots available.

Ms. Hornstein reviewed trail workdays. There are plans to work a small trail in using gravel where hikers are already using as a foot path to a small bolder area. Workers fixed some erosion issues on Buffalo Creek trail. There was discussion on future work days and she will make sure they're publicized on social media for volunteer help. Ms. Bradley mentioned that the counter numbers for the trails were down and attributed the decline to the rainy and cold weather in February. Ms. Hornstein along with other volunteers took a class on chainsaw use and safety.

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

Mr. Dittmer reviewed upcoming work that will be done on the Dittmer-Watts Trail where the persistent Beaver has now built the fifth dam. There was discussion on having it trapped and relocated. The dam causes overflow onto the Mountain Vista Trail. It was also mentioned that there was a downed tree removed in February. Ms. Hornstein will host some LLCA students on the trail and teach them about trail maintenance. There was discussion regarding work needed by putting gravel across the meadows area. Ms. Bradley stated she is working with Tim Edwards on a quote. There was a discussion regarding the use of porta-potties at the beginning of the town's trails. It was mentioned that folks could use the local store for the Dittmer-Watts Trail, however it was mentioned that at Buffalo Creek Park Ms. Bradley is looking into a composting type station. There was further discussion.

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

Mr. Massey mentioned that the lights have been removed and the sleds from the sled theme have been removed. The upcoming spring theme is bunnies and they're building a Beatrice Potter and Peter Rabbit Garden which will host children's activities. There was a discussion regarding the other gardens on the bridge as well as they're working on a Chimney Swift bird house. Mr. Massey discussed the assistance of the Chimney Swifts will help with mosquitos and other bugs around the gardens. Mr. Massey discussed the continuation of the Appalachian Trail Mural and mentioned it draws folks to the gardens. Compost classes will begin in the next 30 days. Mr. Massey mentioned the many social media venues the Flowering Bridge is hosted on and he thanked Ms. Bradley for the counter numbers. There was a discussion that even through the COVID times, the counter numbers proved people are getting out and enjoying outdoor activities. Mr. Massey mentioned the new cameras that have been installed along the walkway and that they are being monitored. Ms. Bay discussed the success of the paver fund raiser. She mentioned that the projection was \$4,000, however to date, 40 bricks have been purchased which has brought in \$6400. Ms. Bay stated that the paver sell is still going on. Mr. Massey mentioned that the successful fund raising by Ms. Bay and Mrs. Mary Jaeger Gale has been phenomenal.

### **Morse Park and Golf Course Future – Mr. Jim Walters**

Mr. Walters invited Commissioner Bryant to discuss the future of the golf course. Commissioner Bryant discussed concessioners agreements that are used throughout town, for instance at the Marina and Beach area as well as the golf course. The Town will opens all agreements up for RFP's every 10 years. There is a current RFP (Request for Proposal) out for the golf course and the Town is taking this opportunity to revisit the function of this land as well as getting an updated appraisal. He mentioned that the Minicks have done a wonderful job overseeing the golf course for years. The Town is looking at the entire land base as well as self-sustaining businesses' with the concessioners agreements to stay with the consistency of the Town. Some of this area has been looked at already as the continued efforts in offering a recreational area. Commissioner Bryant stated that they will take a full assessment of the area and move into decisions for the Town's best interest. He mentioned that he has had to step in and help dispel rumors that were floating around on a social media site and he stated that while there's no way to stop others talking about things they don't know, he felt his stepping in has helped. He encourages the public to be a part of Town Hall meetings where these issues are being discussed. He was excited about the future of the Town and getting a full assessment and appraisal on this land.

### **Follow up report on Rumble – Mrs. Moe Bay**

Mrs. Bay discussed that in 2020 there were no group climbing activities in Lake Lure and she is hoping that this year sees changes. She mentioned that the Carolina Climbing Coalition stays active in our area by donating their time and they've removed 200 pds of trash from areas throughout the Gorge. The trail that is being built in Chimney Rock Village by the CCC will help bring more climbers into town. Mrs. Bay mentioned that the CCC is looking for sponsors as they continue trail building in our area. Ms. Bradley agreed with Mrs. Bay's sentiments in that CCC is a great group. Mrs. Bay mentioned that for as little as \$25 donation you can help CCC and be Stewards and these donations will help them with trails and the purchase of properties.

Mrs. Bay also informed the Board that she is organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Talking Trash Day along Boys Camp Road on April 13<sup>th</sup>. She will put information out in an email.

### **Parks & Recreation Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon**

Mr. Bragdon was not present.

### **Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Christopher Patrick Bryant**

Commissioner Bryant mentioned that he would love to help Mrs. Bay on the trash pick-up. He also mentioned that the Utility Advisory Board has been working hard on planning for the sewer system and Commissioner Bryant welcomed the Board to go to the website for minutes of these meetings for further information. He



discussed that the boating permits for this year on the online payment system was working well and that there were a few slips left to rent.

He discussed the plans for the upcoming Car and Boat Show and stated that this information will be brought before the Lake Advisory Board, who in turn has the opportunity to recommend it to the Marine Commission for approval. He thought the show would bring in approximately 500 people to the downtown area. Tentative dates are set for May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Massey discussed the mulch that was sitting in the back parking area of Morse Park as well as the flooding that occurs in this area. Ms. Bradley stated that the mulch actually has a curing time and it will be moved to beds in the spring. Ms. Bradley will get Public Works to look at the flooding area to see what can be done.

Mr. Dittmer commented about the many volunteers that help us on the trails through our area. He was happy to see this. There was a discussion that Board Member Robin Worcester has continued to volunteer his time on the trails and there were many accolades thanking him for his work. Mr. Worcester asked the Board not to forget all the volunteers who work tirelessly keeping the trails maintained.

There was further discussion concerning roadway cleanup in town and that the State used to maintain the Memorial Highway road side but they have not been out in a while. Ms. Bradley will get more information on this matter.

Mrs. Krejci mentioned the Town of Lake Lure's Annual Report was complete and offered to email it to any member wishing to read it. She also mentioned that a new website is being constructed with new features that will help the towns people interact better. She also mentioned the upcoming fireworks show that is being "gifted" by the vendor. It will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. She was not sure if the beach would be open for Fireworks viewing but there were many other areas around the downtown area for perfect viewing. There was a discussion as to if the beach restrooms would be available and Commissioner Bryant wasn't sure as they normally are not opened until later in the spring as the weather warms and there's no possibility of freezing pipes. Mrs. Krejci also discussed the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Marina and new Boardwalk will be in May and she is currently planning the Memorial Day Program.

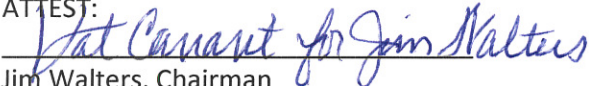
There was a brief discussion regarding allowing citizens to donate funds to help with our yearly fireworks programs. Commissioner Bryant mentioned that as in past discussions regarding donations to the Town, it would have to be referred to the Town Attorney. Commissioner Bryant mentioned other entities that may be able to receive donations such as the Chamber since they spearhead the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. There was further discussion.

#### **Adjournment**

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

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be April 1, 2021 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:**

**PREPARED FOR:**

February 25, 2021

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. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail scouted; permits filed; Plan approved by Parks and Rec. Board, legal opinion received; next steps being discussed</i>	3. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Updating Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Landscaping at Boardwalk/Marina – <i>Large trees/shrubs installed. Small plants being installed now.</i>	8. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	9. Seeking Grants for Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion – <i>Applying for RHI Legacy Grant</i>
10. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	11. Deep Water Launch – <i>Create for allowing equipment to launch during lake drawdown</i>	12. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>
13. Naming Rights – <i>Working to update policy</i>	14. Grant for Dredging – <i>Awarded \$637,500</i>	15. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>

**PR&LD ACTIVITIES:**

1. Oversaw daily operations for Parks, Recreation, & Lake Department
2. Attended multiple staff/public meetings
3. Attended multiple project meetings
4. Worked on multiple projects:
  - Dredging
  - Deep water launch
  - Island Creek road property
  - Beach house roof replacement
  - Beach storm water issue
  - Boardwalk/paver walkway repair
  - Golf Course RFP
  - Dredge Grant budget
  - Dredging calendar
  - Mining permit amendment
  - 2021-22 CIP and operating budget
  - Boys Camp rd. Camp Ground
  - Chapel Point rd. Lake access point
5. Boat maintenance
6. Preparing for spring maintenance
7. Police in-service training

**PR&TC ACTIVITIES:**

1. Attended Basic Law Enforcement Training 5 nights a week (20 - 25 hrs/week)
2. Began updating the Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan
3. Began filling out the paperwork for the Two for the Trails grant that may provide some funding for pedestrian bridges/picnic tables for the Luremont Trail
4. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
5. Led Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail workday on 2/9 to remove a fallen tree and repair trail tread – 6 volunteers; 21 volunteer hours
6. Organized Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 2/16 – 5 volunteers; 15 volunteer hours
7. Recruited volunteer for Buffalo Creek Park trail inspection – 1 volunteer; 4 volunteer hours
8. Organized Buffalo Creek Park workday on 2/23 to repair eroded areas – 5 volunteers; 25 volunteer hours
9. Helped with layout for marina landscaping; smaller plants being installed now
10. Recruited volunteers to help install some of the marina landscaping plants on 2/16, 2/24, and 2/26 – 2 volunteers; 10 volunteer hours
11. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
12. Continued working on packet for RHI Legacy Foundation grant for potential funding for BCP parking lot expansion and, possibly, the pedestrian bridge for the Luremont Trail
13. Updates/revisions are in progress for the Lake Lure Naming Rights Policy
14. Checked trail counters and reported numbers
15. Recruited volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 14 volunteer hours
16. Utilized a total of 89 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. Trimmed trees/brush around Lake Operations Building
4. Completed planting, mulching, and rock installation for landscaping on beach side of marina
5. Continued installation of marina landscaping near Washburn Marina
6. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with bleach

### **Lake Activities:**

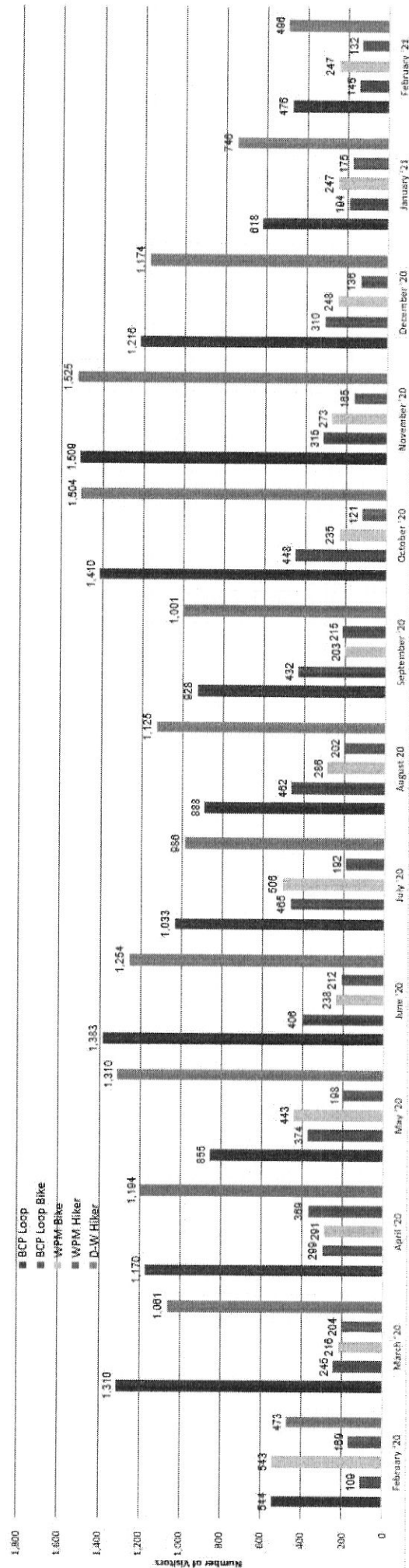
1. Dredging
2. Sewer line location

## **1. FOLLOW UP**

1. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; legal opinion received; next steps being discussed
2. Boys Camp Road: We were not selected for PARTF funding this year; reapplying in 2021
3. Dredging Grant: \$637,500 grant awarded, working to finalize budget
4. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for Naming Rights Policy for Town properties
5. Lake Lure Trails: Work days held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained

## **2. OTHER**

1. Marina Slips Available: 13



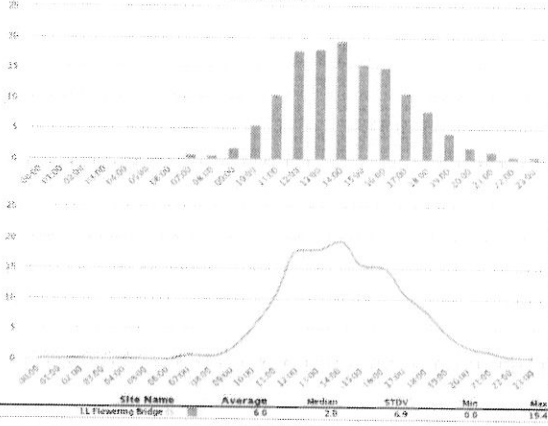


# LAKE LURE FLOWERING BRIDGE

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						173
2020	LL Flowering Bridge							7,798	16,105	17,342	17,876	11,900	6,809	191
2021	LL Flowering Bridge	3,440	3,723											60

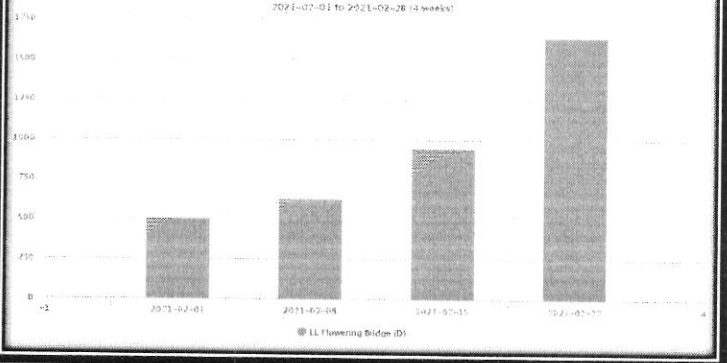
## Hours of the day

2021-02-01 to 2021-02-28  
Hourly averages



## Weekly\* totals

2021-02-01 to 2021-02-28 (4 weeks)



## Kat Police

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**From:** Larry Czajkoski <larrycz62@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** Jim Walter; Ed Diittmer  
**Cc:** Kat Police; Dana Bradley  
**Subject:** P&R: March 4th Monthly Meeting REPORT TO BE READ (entered into minutes) IN MY ABSENCE please...THANKS!

**Importance:** High

Hi, Jim & Ed.

Apologies to You two and the Board Members, and Town Staff... But I will be unable to attend the P&R meeting tomorrow (Thurs, March 3<sup>rd</sup>) due a schedule conflict.

### Would you please read aloud to the Board members the following short report ...

Buffalo Creek Park Parking Lot & Trail Head:

- Dana and I met with an asphalt contractor at BCP Trail Head on Weds, 3/3 to survey the 1 acre lot that is to be the new formal Trail Head Parking Lot location.
- Dana is in the process of gathering information and input required and helpful to submitting applications for various Grants for this project.
- I will defer to Dana to provide an explanation of her efforts and status re: BCP Parking Lot

Trail Counter Data for BCP Loop and WPM Trails:

- February data is basically flat year over year (2020 to 2021.)
- Given the wet cold weather our area saw over the past month in February.....flat year over year is not bad...March weather is starting out beautiful and hopefully the Trail hikers and bikers will visit our trail assets accordingly over the next month...!
- I yield to Dana and Bailey for description and discussion of Trail Tread conditions, work days, etc....

THANKS!

Larry

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