



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Regular Board Meeting May 1, 2025

Call to Order

Board Vice Chairman Dan Bragdon called to order the May 1, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Vice Chairman Dan Bragdon Mr. Matt Manzi Ms. Debbie Warren
Ms. Jennifer Vivolo

Board Members absent:

Chairman Robin Worcester Mr. Larry Czajkoski Mr. Dan Gorman
Mr. Ozzie McFarland

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

Mr. Jim Proctor, Council Liaison
Dana Bradley, Director Parks, Recreation & Lake
Communications Director, Laura Krejci

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the May 1, 2025, regular meeting was reviewed. Ms. Warren made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Manzi seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

The minutes from the April 3, 2025 board meeting were reviewed. Ms. Vivolo made a motion to adopt the minutes. Mr. Manzi seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

New Business

There was no new business to report on.

Old Business

There was no old business to report on.

PRB Communications

Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report

Parks, Recreation and Lake Director Dana Bradley reported that we have received a grant to help build back the town's tennis courts.

She pointed out that numerous organizations and a sizable volunteer base had made great headway in the recovery in Buffalo Creek Park, Weed Patch and the Upper Boulders Trail.

When Chairman Bragdon inquired about the playground project's progress, Director Bradley replied that we are still in the planning process. A location in Morse Park has been identified as the site for the new playground. The grant provides mulch for surfacing. The board recommends rubberized surfacing for the new playground. Director Bradley will reach out for pricing on rubberized surfacing.

The Comprehensive Master Plan's development was discussed under the direction of Councilman Proctor.

Updates on Town Trails

Director Bradley announced that she was notified Tuesday that federal funding has been cut for the AmeriCorps Member program. The AmeriCorps Member was of great benefit to the Town of Lake Lure by overseeing volunteers for the maintenance of the area's trails. The town, along with Rutherford Outdoor Coalition and Rutherford County, provided a portion of the monies that helped fund the AmeriCorps position for the town prior to the cut. She hopes there will be a way to secure the position by using other funding. The board members strongly advise that AmeriCorps' position be maintained. In response to Chairman Bragdon's inquiry about the hiring timeline, Director Bradley said that the assistant position in the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department is expected to be filled as soon as the lake is reopened.

There was talk amongst the board of the recovered non-motorized boats.

Chairman Bragdon questioned the approach to control kudzu in the area.

Chairman Bragdon led a discussion regarding installing a temporary 9-hole disc golf course along the Green Space. Ms. Warren made a motion to recommend to Town Council the installation of a temporary 9-hole disc golf course along the Green Space. Ms. Vivolo seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

There was no report for the Flowering Bridge.

Town Events

Communications Director Laura Krejci went over the hand out of planned events for the area.

Input from Town Council Liaison

Councilman Proctor had no further comments to add to what he had previously shared in the meeting.

Other Comment

There was no other comments made.

Adjournment

Ms. Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:36p.m. Ms. Vivolo seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley.

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be June 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Office.

ATTEST:

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Dan Bragdon, Vice Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corbie Bradley', written over a horizontal line.

Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk