



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE PARKS AND RECREATION

Wednesday August 13, 2025
1:30 PM

This Meeting was held at the Parks and Recreation Office

Present: Jim Proctor, Council Liaison
Mr. Robin Worcester
Mr. Matt Manzi
Mr. Dan Bragdon
Ms. Debbie Warren
Mr. Dan Gorman
Mr. Larry Czajkoski
Dana Bradley, Director

Absent:

Mr. Ozzie McFarland
Mr. Jennifer Vivolo

I. Call to Order

Board Chairman Robin Worcester Called to Order the October 2, 2025
Meeting of Parks and Recreation Board at 1:32pm

II. Agenda Adopted

The agenda for October 2, 2025 was reviewed by board members. Mr. Dan Bragdon made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Dan Gorman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

III. Adoption of Minutes

A. Review of September Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes presented from September. Mr. Dan Gorman made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Mr. Matt Manzi seconded the motion and all in favor.

B. Review August Special Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes presented from the Special meeting in August. Suggested changes made to wording. Mr. Dan Gorman made a motion to approve the August Special meeting minutes with the changes. Ms. Debbie Warren seconded the motion and all were in favor.

IV. New Business

A. Charles Flack's Bulleting Board Email

Ms. Dana Bradley, Director presented to the board a communication board that would be placed at the new playground. This is being given from Channing Joy Foundation. Communication boards serve as a valuable learning tool for children by providing an alternative way to express their needs and ideas. It would be tailored to our park. Will gather information if it can be bi-lingual and if it is double sided so we may be able to utilize the other side for additional information. Mr. Dan Bragdon made a motion to move forward with the communication board. Mr. Larry Czajkoski seconded the motion and all in favor.

V. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VI. PRB Communications

A. Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report

Ms. Dana Bradley, Director advised that it was a great month. We have about 75 volunteers currently. Site leader will be Derrick. The Olympiads willing to donate money for lunch or snacks. We continue to work on site to prepare for build day. The playground will include 2 covered benches and 2 additional benches have been donated by the Lions Club. A paver walkway will be installed as well. Water quality has been good. Smalls spikes due to rain. Discussion ensued of the sample readings.

B. Updates of Town Trails

Weed patch assessments. Continues to go well. Shrimper is making great progress. A new trail (Pool Creek Park) is underway. It's a short trail but leads to a beautiful view. Currently we have had about 4 or 5 works days.

C. Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Ms. Susie Ellis provide updates from the Flowering Bridge. Ashlyn from the pottery store donated \$1000.00 from the sales from her Chimney Rock mugs.

Currently working on about 15 gardens.

FEMA funding was announced for 2.5 million dollars to replace the bridge. The connection is important for the future of Lake Lure and Chimney Rock. It was advised by other members of the board that the money obligated for this is being used for other infrastructure as 428 projects. A press release was issued by the Town and discussion ensued. Mr. Dan Gorman asked that it be more transparent to the public what the money is being used for. Mr. Dan Bragdon commented given credit to the town for all their hard work and hard decisions that had to be made. Understands that major infrastructure is important and needs to be handled first.

The flowering bridge had several community events in the month of September. A portion of the Rainbow Bridge was found with the collars still attached.

The bid for the bear in Hendersonville was won and will be delivered this month.

Some water colors of the Flowering Bridge were printed up. They all sold in 3 days.

Lastly we are on the radar of Southern Living magazine. We have received plants from them and looking forward to the future.

D. Town Events

We have several town events coming up this month. Cycle NC will be here this weekend.

We have a music festival October 10th at 6pm and October 11th from 12-5 pm.

The Kaboom playground build dates are October 13th, 14th, and 15th.

The Arts and craft festival will be returning October 18th and 19th. Will be about 75 vendors.

The Comprehensive plan for public input will begin on October 28, 2025 with a virtual meeting. November 5 public in person from 4pm to 7pm. A survey will be available soon.

October 31st and November 1st from 6pm to 9pm there will be a haunted trail hosted by Lake Lure Classical Academy.

E. Input from Town Council Liaison.

Commissioner Jim Proctor advised most everything has already been discussed. Other discussion ensued in regards to the amphitheater and Morse Park. Board feels that Dana should be aware of certain discussions. Mr. Bragdon advised there is a time for accountability and a time for support. Mr. Dan Gorman advised communication is key and would like reassurance that the behavioral patterns of communications and action without discussion do not continue.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Matt Manzi seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.

Attest:

Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk

Robin Worcester, Board Chair