



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2022

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the September 1, 2022 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman

Mr. Robin Worcester

Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman

Ms. Maureen Bay

Board Members absent:

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Mr. Mark Hoek

Mr. Dan Bragdon

Town Council and Officials present:

Town Council Liaison, Commissioner Scott Doster

Mr. Hank Perkins – Lake Lure Town Manager

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

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

Ms. Laura Krejci – Town of Lake Lure Communications Director

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The Agenda for the September 1, 2022 was reviewed **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Worcester seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Worcester made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

New Business

No new business reported.

Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion

Parks, Recreation & Lake Report – Ms. Dana Bradley

Ms. Bradley reported a great month for the trails. Debris from the recent storms was minimal and has been cleared. The online permitting system has been released to the Town staff for feedback. After hearing their feedback, we are researching other options. The Trail Counts Report was reviewed with great numbers for all the trails.

Ms. Bay wanted to know when the boom across the river would be removed. Ms. Bradley stated that the boom is there to catch debris from the seasonal storms. When the threat of pop-up summer storms diminishes, the boom will be removed. The river has been left open to allow for boat travel.

Ms. Bay would like to see the bank along the roadside of the Marina Washburn be cleared of weeds and invasive plants, to which Ms. Bradley replied, with several members agreeing, that this area is trout buffer and cannot be touched. Mr. Dittmer asked about any plans for parking along the guardrail in that same area. Mr. Perkins addressed parking plans for Morse Park area.

Green Space Updates – Ms. Dana Bradley

The Green Space is popular with visitors and locals with. Many of them come in the office before heading off to walk the Green Space Trail. Dedication of the Green Space will likely happen this spring. The Equinox Creekside Erosion Control Plan is still in the works.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer has walked the majority of the trails and given reports as to what parts need attention. Overgrowth of weeds and invasive plants need cut back along the areas of the trail. Mr. Bradley announced that September 15 is the next scheduled workday for Dittmer Watts. There was some discussion regarding the water source causing a wet spot in the Dittmer Watts Trail area.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock

Mr. Czajkoski was absent from the meeting but sent an email thanking everyone in attendance for the Buffalo Creek Park Parking Lot Ribbon Cutting ceremony. He stated in the email, "This was the culmination of over 10 years of effort from P&R and one of my personal P&R projects during that time....working with and coordinating agreements with State Parks, Wyndham, Rumbling Bald, and the Town of Lake Lure."

Ms. Bradley reported a huge turnout for the ribbon cutting for the Buffalo Creek Park Parking Lot. Recent workdays have been very productive. Buffalo Creek and Weed Patch are in good shape.

The boulder trail is awaiting funding and a name.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mrs. Bay

The numbers from August were down a little, likely due to heat, but it was still a busy month. Big news with the bridge is the continued plans for the Education Center and parking plans. A lighted sign indicating and promoting fundraising goals will soon be installed at the Flowering Bridge.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Mr. Walter reported that the Steering Committee is working on the parking lot projects for the area of Morse Park.

Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Bragdon was absent

Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Scott Doster

Mr. Doster discussed the purpose of the Steering Committee.

Mr. Doster discussed the Lake Advisory Board role and the suggested edits of the Lake Use Regulations.

Other Comments:

Ms. Krejci mentioned that a summary of the Round Table Meeting with Mayor Pritchett is available on the Town's website. She shared that the Dirty Dancing Festival is sold out. Ms. Krejci shared that Lake Lure has been approved for the 2023 Cycle NC Mountain Ride. More details to come. The 2022 Mountain to Coast Ride is going to have a rest stop in the Town of Lake Lure.. Ms. Krejci also shared a summary of upcoming town events through the end of the year.

10/11 Veterans Day Program – Rumbling Bald on Lake Lure

10/15-16 Fall Arts and Crafts Festival

10/22 Paws 4th Annual Pet Fest in Morse Park

11/25 Tree Lighting/Lighting up the Gorge

11/30 Lighting up Lake Lure at the Flowering Bridge

12/1 Chamber Great Gatsby Holiday Gala @ Lake Lure Inn. (Limited tickets \$75/person)

Public comments from attendees:

Mike Wood, Lake Lure Village Resort HOA President. Brought up concerns from his community over the spraying of the powerline areas being done by subcontractors of Duke Energy.

Erin Healy - A resident of Lake Lure and a Naturalist. She, too, expressed concerns over the spraying being done.

Ms. Bradley will look into the issue. She also shared that the waters of Lake Lure are tested often and the results show no signs of contamination.

Adjournment

Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m. Mrs. Bay 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 October 6, 2022 at 1:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Department Office.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman


Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk