



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board Lake Use Regulations Workshop

June 6, 2022

- Present:** Mark Helms, Chair
Gary Hasenfus, Board Member
Sonya Ledford, Board Member
David Lusk, Board Member
Kathleen Hatfield, Board Member
Jim Lemmons, Board Member
- Commissioner David DiOrio, Town Council Liaison
- Absent:** N/A
- Town Staff:** Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

Chairman Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Lake Use Regulations

It was discussed that the Board finds it fit to specify in the Lake Use Regulations that all land covered by the waters of Lake Lure to the 995' Mean Sea Level (MSL) elevation is owned by the Town of Lake Lure.

Board members shifted the conversation to definitions. It was proposed to provide more clarity on the definition of "No Wake" by defining it as 1000 RMP or less. Council Liaison David DiOrio suggested additional clarity on "Wake Surfing". Chair Helms proposed the addition of a definition for "Berth".

It was discussed that all individuals should complete a training course prior to receiving a permit in the future. Board members suggested that the proper safe distance behind tubers be included as a training subject.

Board members discussed eliminating all non-permitted boats from the lake or lake structures.

There was question as to how the town could enforce the elimination of all boats without permits. Commissioner DiOrio proposed to allow town personnel to go on boat structures for official town work. DiOrio also suggested that property owners need to be given notice of work that will be done underneath and around structures.

Commissioner DiOrio informed the Board that NC General Statute has required out-of-state registered boats to be registered in NC if the boat in state for more than 90 days out of the year. It was noted that the Town must comply. Board members discussed that the Town could offer a 90 day sticker for individuals not registered in NC for a greater price.

The Board discussed congestion on the lake and safety issues caused by the congestion. It was suggested that the Town might limit annual permits to 100 non-residents who have a slip on the lake. It was also suggested that any non-resident without a slip on the lake can purchase daily permits as needed. Board members expressed that Rutherford County residents should get a discounted rate on daily permits.

The Board expressed a necessity to further clarify wake surfing stipulations. Members of the board also discussed the subject of safe swimming distance from a boat and agreed to further research the subject.

The Board reiterated that the main goals are to reduce congestion on the lake to a safe level and accommodate Lake Lure residents. Board members suggested that coordination with vacation rental owners will be beneficial in enforcing and improving congestion issues.

Fishing permits were discussed. Commissioner DiOrio suggested multi-month fishing permits as opposed to annual and/or craft a policy with a more detailed and clear definition.

Board Members Jim Lemmons suggested eliminate "personal watercraft" under vessels.

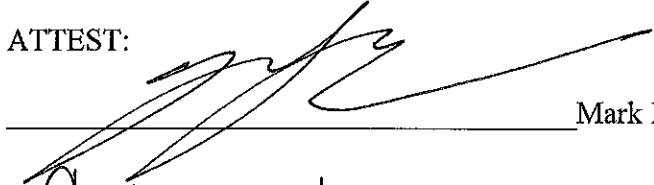
Board member Gary Hasenfus addressed the occurrences of excessive speeding on the lake.

The Board agreed and discussed implementing a 45 MPH speed limit. The Board expressed that maintaining lake safety by following state and local regulations is crucial.

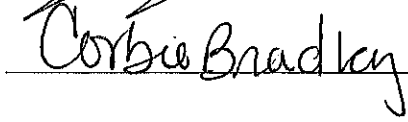
Board members agreed to continue their research and consideration of wording of the suggestions and policies, and will resume discussions at the following meeting. It was noted that all final recommendations will be brought before the Marine Commission for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56am.

ATTEST:



Mark Helms, Chairman



Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk