

Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

February 2, 2023

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer called to order the February 2, 2023 Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dan Bragdon

Ms. Maureen Bay

Mr. Robin Worcester

Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Board Members absent:

Chairman Jim Walters

Town Council and Officials present:

Town Council Liaison, Commissioner Scott Doster

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

Dean Givens, Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The Agenda for the February 2, 2023 was reviewed. Ms. Bay made a motion to adopt the agenda Mr. Czajkoski seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

The Minutes of the January 5, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Czajkoski made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept nomination of Ozzie McFarland as an alternate. Mr. Czajkoski made a motion to accept the nomination of Ozzie McFarland as alternate board member. Ms. Bay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

PRB COMMUNICATIONS

Parks, Recreation & Lake Report- Dean Givens

Mr. Givens asked for questions on the PR&L report that was sent out. He stated that the deep-water launch is expected to be completed down to the 12-foot mark this year. Work on the next phase of this project will continue during the next drawdown. Question was asked as to who will have access to the deep-water launch. Town Council has not yet made the decision.

Green Space Updates- Dean Givens

Numbers of visitors to The Green Space shows that it is well visited. Town Council and the Steering Committee are working on plans for The Green Space. Discussion was had as to how the creek-side restoration project would affect the Town's use of The Green Space. Mr. Givens responded that there would be a no-disturb area 50 feet on each side of the creek. Staff and the public will be allowed access to this area, but no landscaping/spraying can be done within that area.

Green Space Recommendations

Ms. Laura Krecji will report on this next month.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park- Ed Dittmer

The trails are in good shape due to the hard work of volunteers and PR&L staff. The connectors are popular. There is an easy loop from Vista Point to The Green Space.

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

Mr. Worcester reports that a workday is scheduled for 2/14/2023 for cleanup to be done on BCP.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge- Maureen Bay

Ms. Bay reported the Brick Fundraiser is going well. There will be a new art auction coming up. Mill Spring Farm Store is a big supporter of Lake Lure, as well as Flowering Bridge. Taylor University has provided 30 native azalea bushes. Plans are being developed for the volunteer parking area.

Morse Park - Jim Walters

Mr. Walters was absent and nothing was reported.

Programs and Initiatives- Dan Bragdon

Discussion was had regarding progress on the Luremont Trail. The Town is still awaiting word from the NC General Assembly as to when progress can start.

<u>Additional Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Scott Doster</u> Other Comments:

The cell tower project is set to begin soon.

The Town is preparing for The Rumble which is a rock-climbing event sponsored by Carolina Climbers Coalition. This is scheduled for Lake Lure February 24-26.

Commissioner Doster announced that Commissioner Jim Proctor will become the liaison for the Parks & Recreation Board. Commissioner Doster has been assigned to other boards.

Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15. Mr. Massey 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 March 2, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Department Office.

ATTEST:

Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairmar

Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk