

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, 4:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Jim Proctor
Commissioner Scott Doster

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney
William Hank Perkins, Jr., Town Manager
Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director
Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

ABSENT: N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner David DiOrio made a motion to move Section IV Item A to Section VII Item A and renumber the agenda accordingly. Commission Patrick Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pritchett invited members of the audience to speak.

Wade Oppliger, Lake Lure Rowing Club, requested consideration from Marine Commission to change the "No Wake" speed hours from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Diane Wright, 170 Tanner Drive, explained that she had submitted a request for a buoy on her property and has not received one. Ms. Wright expressed concern regarding safety and

requested that the Marine Commission review her request to put a buoy between 172 Tanner Drive and 170 Tanner Drive.

Kevin Rhea, 104 Yacht Island Drive, cited a letter and email that he had sent to Commissioners in August concerning issues with Lake Lure Adventure Company commercial boating practices and expressed concern regarding Mark Helms, owner of Lake Lure Adventure Company, being the Lake Advisory Board Chair. Mr. Rhea explained the recommendations noted in his letter and read portions of the various letters from others.

Elizabeth Iwaoka, 143 Anchors Way, read a letter regarding Lake Lure Adventure Company as was sent by Mr. Rhea. Ms. Iwaoka expressed concerns with safety, noise, wake, and erosion. Ms. Iwaoka noted that she had contacted the Lake Advisory Board yearly in regard to this issue with no response. Ms. Iwaoka requested that Adventure boats stay 300 ft. away and go ideal speed until they reach the main channel.

Karen Knaub, 347 Lakeview Road, expressed concerns with safety on the Lake. Ms. Knaub suggested using money no longer being spent on the golf course to hire full-time employees to patrol the Lake since a shortage of police presence was discussed at the August round table meeting.

There were no further comments from the public.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

V. HEARING

A. REQUEST FROM CHRISTINA STEPP TO APPEAL CIVIL CITATION NO. 001126

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley explained that the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department is requesting that the Marine Commission revoke the lake commercial license of Ms. Christina Stepp. Coordinator Bradley further explained that Ms. Stepp was issued Civil Citation No. 001126 for the use of a boat for commercial purposes without a valid lake commercial license and permit. Coordinator Bradley noted that Ms. Stepp was notified that the Citation fine, for \$1500, was due within 30 days of the date of the Citation and that Ms. Stepp failed to pay the \$1500 within the 30 day period.

Commissioner DiOrio asked if the situation resulted in an automatic revoke of Ms. Stepp's lake commercial license and Coordinator Bradley answered that the Marine Commission has the right to make that decision.

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to revoke Ms. Stepp's lake commercial license. Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Town Manager Hank Perkins asked the difference between revoking and suspending a lake commercial license. Coordinator Bradley explained that revoking is permanent and suspending is not.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 14, 2022 REGULAR MARINE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner DiOrio stated that on page 3 of the June 14, 2022 Marine Commissioner Meeting Minutes, Section V Item B, the third paragraph regarding the addition of payments to the Lake Use Regulations is inaccurate and should be removed.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to approve the June 14, 2022 regular Marine Commission Meeting Minutes, with the proposed amendment. Commissioner Doster seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LAKE ADVISORY BOARD'S RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE LAKE USE REGULATIONS

Mayor Pritchett noted that the Lake Advisory Board's recommended amendments to the Lake Use Regulations will be open for a public hearing at a later date and that the Lake Use Regulations with proposed amendments are available to the public.

Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens explained that Marine Commission is aware of work being put into amendments to the Lake Use Regulations. Director Givens also explained that the Lake Advisory Board is continuing to clean-up language and ensure that the Lake Use Regulations are precise and accurate. Director Givens pointed out an existing error and noted that on page 11 language regarding peak season weekday only permit needed to be removed, because there will no longer be a weekly permit.

Mayor Pritchett noted that the document is available online and asked residents to review the proposed amendments.

VII. NEW BUSINESS


C. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LAKE USE REGULATION

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to set the public hearing date for the proposed amendments to the Lake Use Regulations on Monday, September 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Doster made a motion to adjourn the meeting 4:26 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:


Olivia Stewman,
Town Clerk


Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

