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**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation
Board Meeting
May 4, 2023**

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer called to order the May 4, 2023, Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer

Ms. Maureen Bay

Mr. Ozzie McFarland

Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Robin Worcester

Board Members absent:

Chairman Jim Walters

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Town Council and Officials present:

Mayor Carol Pritchett standing in as Town Council Liaison for Mr. Jim Proctor

Commissioner Jim Proctor

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

Dana Bradley, Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator

Laura Krejci, Town of Lake Lure Communications Director

Others:

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The Agenda for the May 4, 2023, regular meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Dan Bragdon made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Ms. Maureen Bay seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

The minutes of the April 3, 2023 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Dan Bragdon made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Maureen Bay seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

PRB COMMUNICATIONS

Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley reviewed the Board with the Parks, Recreation, and Lake monthly report.

Ms. Maureen Bay asked about the building being built on the Lake at the former ABC Store. It was reported that this building was to be for the Fire Department and Public Works Department. Once completed, the building will be floated to its final location near the dam.

Ms. Dana Bradley reported that spring plantings were in full swing. Hangings baskets will be arriving soon. Hydrangeas and Asiatic Lilies are being generously donated to the department by the NC Arboretum. They will be planted around the Town.

Ms. Dana Bradley reported that a crew is coming in to harvest the current spawning carp.

Mr. Dittmer reported that effective efforts are continuing to be made to discourage the geese in making their nest. The areas the geese are using are inhospitable for safely raising a family of goslings.

Ms. Dana Bradley reported that there are currently no available slips at Washburn Marina. Interested individuals are being added to a waitlist.

Ms. Dana Bradley reported a high volume of boat permits being sold. The current rules are causing some boat owners a bit of frustration with the call for specification sheets being the most burdensome. Several boats have been denied renewal due to having been permitted in prior years despite the fact the boats did not comply with Lake Use Regulations.

Mr. Ed Dittmer reported that Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure has moved their docks and slips to their original places after a season of dredging in the area.

Green Space Updates & Recommendations

Ms. Dana Bradley reported that mowing, mulching beds, planting & maintaining spring/summer annuals have the property looking great. Many visitors are out daily, walking with families and dogs.

The board discussed obtaining public input on future uses of The Green Space. The current plan is to keep The Green Space well-groomed and maintained as a public trail.

Board Mission/ Vision

There was discussion regarding the 2006 Mission Statement and how best to develop a current Mission/Vision Statement. The role of the Parks & Recreation Board has changed over the years, with the growth of the Town. It was previously a hands-on board to get work done. This work is now being done by the paid Parks, Recreation & Lake Staff, along with volunteers. Mayor Pritchett suggested that the role of the Parks & Recreation Board is evolving into more of a true advisory board. She also stated

that the Parks & Recreation Board would always have a relevant and critical role in the Town, due to major decisions on how to maintain the Town and to provide for its future.

Mr. Dittmer noted that the Town's website does not reflect the responsibilities of the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

Mayor Pritchett suggested the Board come up with a plan as to what accomplishments would be the goal for each year. Mr. Bragdon would like to be able to measure impacts of the Board's efforts.

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park

The Dittmer-Watts Trail is continuing to be used by lots of visitors. A workday will be held in May. Mr. Dittmer thanked PR&L for the gravel being put down along the trail and mentioned other spots along the trail that were in need of gravel as well.

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

Ms. Dana Bradley reported that Buffalo Creek Park Trail is in great shape, with one tree needing to be taken down. A workday is planned for May 23.

She also noted that Weedpatch Mountain Trail was hit hard by the recent winds. She has an extensive list of trees that need to be cut down and trimmed back. The PR&L Team, volunteers and the Fire Department will work to get those taken care of. A workday will be scheduled for May.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Ms. Maureen Bay reminded everyone of the ticketed fundraising event. Funds raised will be put into the Educational Center. Numbers of visitors are high. LLCA Honor Students have been volunteering on the Flowering Bridge.

The Board discussed the lack of available parking in the area.

Morse Park

Nothing to report.

Programs & Initiatives

Mr. Dan Bragdon asked Ms. Bay if there were volunteers that might be interested in volunteering their gardening efforts along The Green Space. She did not suspect there would be anyone willing to take on additional projects.

Mr. Dan Bragdon suggested that there might be events that could be held along The Green Space to draw attention to the area. Ms. Dana Bradley offered that there were activities currently in the works, including a 5k and cross-country events. These events are being organized by the Lake Lure Classical Academy. She made special mention that The Green Space cannot be closed off for events.

Mr. Dan Bragdon suggested that we socialize the activities happening on The Green Space.

Mayor Pritchett stated that by developing a yearly plan, the Board could anticipate and socialize the activities of The Green Space. The yearly plan would also help determine accomplishments made throughout each year. This data would help with develop the Annual Report to Town Council.

Input from Town Council Liaison Jim Proctor

Mayor Carol Pritchett filled in for Town Liaison, Mr. Jim Proctor. She was an integral part of all of the discussions.

Other Comments

Laura Krejci provided Town news and updates. .

Arts & Crafts Festival will be held 5/13 & 5/14.

The Boat & Auto will be held 5/18 & 5/19.

Program to recognize fallen soldiers will be held May 29 at 9am in the Town Center, near the Arcade Building.

Mr. Dittmer reported that LLCA was having a showing of their musical, SHREK. Shows will be held at the auditorium May 13 & 14.

Mr. Dittmer reported that the Olympiad is putting on a swim event to be held in June.

Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m. Ms. 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 June 1, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Office.

ATTEST:


Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman


Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk