



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2023

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Jim Lemmons called to order the September 11, 2023 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:30p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present

Vice Chairman Jim Lemmons
Ms. Sonya Ledford

Mr. Gary Hasenfus
Mr. Dave Lusk

Mr. Richard Sayles

Absent:

Chairman Kathie Hatfield
Mr. Mark Helms

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Council Liaison - Commissioner David DiOrio
Director Parks, Recreation & Lake Dean Givens
Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley
Lake Lure Police Corporal Aaron Collins

Public Attendees

Tim Halladay with Fae Nectar
Sunnee Clark with Sunken Buffalo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the September 11, 2023 Board Meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Sayles made a motion to approve the Agenda with the modification. Mr. Lusk seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the August 7, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ledford seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Chair/Vice Chair Communications

Nothing to report.

LAB Reports and Comments

Report from Council Liaison – Councilman Dave DiOrio

The recent emergency repair of a sewer leak was executed well. The problem was identified quickly. The Town plans to improve on public notifications of any future events by issuing an Everbridge Mass Communication as quickly as possible.

Report From Lake Operations --- Dana Bradley

Dana Bradley reported that it was a great month and asked for any questions about the PR&L Report. No questions were asked.

She stated the department is preparing the 2024 permit sticker order.

A buoy request has come in from The Lodge on Lake Lure. The reasons for the request are; a buoy has been in the area in previous years and, with the recent reopening of the Lodge and it's swimming area, the amount of visitor activity going on in this area has increased significantly. **Mr. Lusk made a motion to recommend placing the buoy during the first reset of the 2024 season. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Dana Bradley reported that 804 volunteer hours occurred last month. This has a monetary value of \$16,000, to the Town.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus spoke of his informative article in The Breeze. The article states the activities of the Fisheries over the last two decades.

A resident has expressed his support for the return of an annual permit geared toward anglers. The Marine Commission meeting scheduled for September 12, 2023, will communicate any changes that may affect Lake Lure anglers.

A fishing forum will be offered to the community in October. This forum will be provided with the intent of informing residents and visitors of what is going on in the fishing community.

Emergency Preparedness & Response - Dave Lusk

Mr. Lusk turned the topic over to Councilman DiOrio. Councilman DiOrio discussed the possibility of a cofferdam placement. The placement of a cofferdam would not meet the expectation of the Department of Environmental Quality, as an emergency response.

Plans are ongoing for Lake Lure Classical Academy to be made available as an emergency shelter for the community.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Dana Bradley

Councilman DiOrio referred to his previous comments in his report to the Board. He stressed the amount of oversight needed for the increased standards would require an engineer.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Corporal Aaron Collins reported on the LLPD activities of the past month.

92 Lake Hours	31 Safety Checks
351 Permits Checked	5 Verbal Warnings
102 Vessels Contacted	5 Citations Issued

Councilman DiOrio stated enforcement of any new rules and regulations approved by Town Council, will begin January 1, 2024.

Public Comment

Tom Halladay to discuss Activities at Fae Nectar

Mr. Halladay introduced himself as the majority owner of Fae Nectar, the new meadery and entertainment venue in Town. He is requesting permission to use a trebuchet to launch into River/Lake area. The option of land launching brings a concern as to what structures could be threatened with such a land launch. Environmental and boater safety concerns come along with a launching into the water. The Board discussed options and suggestions as to how this idea might play out.

Sunnee Clark, co-owner of Sunken Buffalo expressed concern and willingness to coordinate with Mr. Halladay on keeping their boating customers safe.

Dana Bradley brought up the need to be conscious of not closing navigable waters.

Councilman DiOrio expressed the need to communicate with and ask for guidance from DNR before taking a recommendation to Marine Commission.

Mr. Halladay asked if permission was needed to do a land launch on their own property. Board expressed no permission was needed to a launch onto their own property.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Be Prepared to Discuss 2024 Meeting Schedule

Board meetings scheduled for the first Monday of each month. Conflicts and the need for rescheduling was discussed. Dean Givens noted that May’s meeting will be a noon meeting for the Board to tour the Lake. No discussions will be had. It will be for observance only. Note taking during this outing is encouraged, and can be addressed in future Board discussions.

Chosen Dates for 2024 LAB Meetings

January 8, 2024	July 8, 2024
February 5, 2024	August 5, 2024
March 4, 2024	September 9, 2024
April 1, 2024	October 7, 2024
May 6, 2024 Noon Lake Tour	November 4, 2024
June 3, 2024	December 2, 2024

Discussion of Lake Drawdowns

Vice Chairman Lemmons opened a discussion on the use of cofferdams for drawdowns. At times, Lake drawdowns are done proactively, as when a storm with flooding is expected. The question, “Is there a way of being more accurate with the drawdowns”, has been asked of the Board members, as well as of Town Employees. Councilman Di’Orio led an informative discussion on the emergent drawdown decision process. Dam operations rely on NOAA for the most accurate weather forecast. There is a constant focus on maintaining the compression dam and its downstream outflow. A strict minimum and maximum outflow is required by the State. Lake Lure is the watershed of five different counties, with 42 streams feeding the Lake. The Town will always default to the side of public safety. The valve, slated for installation during the future deep drawdown will improve the process. That same valve will be installed in the new dam. The new dam will be even more effective in addressing timely drawdowns.


Adjournment

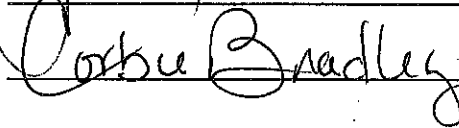
Mr. Lusk made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:36p.m. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be October 2, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

ATTEST:


_____ Jim Lemmons, Vice Chairman


_____ Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk