



**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation
Board Meeting
March 2, 2023**

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the March 2, 2023 Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Chairman Jim Walters	Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer	Mr. Ozzie Mcfarland
Ms. Maureen Bay	Mr. Robin Worcester	Mr. Bill Massey

Board Members absent:

Mr. Larry Czajkoski	Mr. Dan Bragdon
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Town Council and Officials present:

Town Council Liaison, Commissioner Jim Proctor

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

Hank Perkins, Town of Lake Lure Town Manager
Dana Bradley, Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator
Laura Krejci, Town of Lake Lure Communications Director

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The Agenda for the March 2, 2023 was reviewed with the addition of Voting on Chairman and Vice Chairman as an item and the deleting of the item of Vote on Acceptance of Alternate Board Member.

Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adopt the agenda with the modifications. Ms. Bay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

The Minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting were reviewed and the meeting being noted as SPECIAL was changed to REGULAR. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to approve the minutes with the modification.**

Mr. Worcester seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

PRB COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome to & Input from Town Council Liaison Jim Proctor

Mr. Walters introduced, and the Board welcomed Commissioner Proctor as the new Town Council Liaison for the Parks & Recreation Board. The Board also welcomed Mr. Ozzie McFarland as the new Alternate Board Member.

Vote on Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. Dittmer made motion for Mr. Walters to remain the Chairman. Ms. Bay seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ms. Bay made a motion for Mr. Dittmer to remain the Vice Chairman. Mr. Worcester seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report

Ms. Bradley asked if there were any questions regarding February's PR & L report. She reported that lots of work went on with volunteers and PR&L Crew. Volunteer hours reached 103 for the month of February. Trail counters continue to show popularity of the trails.

Green Space Updates & Recommendations

Volunteers, along with Mr. Dittmer, Mr. Worcester & the PR&L Crew are working to create a new connector between The Green Space and Dittmer-Watts. This new connector will provide a great spot to enjoy the view. Mr. Dittmer gave report areas along The Green Space, where standing water needs to be addressed. The Creekside Restoration Project and the easements that would be involved were discussed.

Several board member stated that they are being questioned by the public, on the Town's status of the Lake Lure Golf Course Revival that is being advertised. Is this a town plan? Mr. Hank Perkins stated that the plan was not a plan of the Town, as it does not fit in with the Town's vision for The Green Space property.

Discussion was had regarding a plan to gain public input while working on a master plan for The Green Space.

The roles and connections of Rutherford County TDA, Steering Committee and Parks, Recreation & Lake Department was discussed.

Board Mission/ Vision

The Parks & Recreation Board currently has a Mission/Vision statement from 15 years ago. It needs to be updated in light of there being paid staff and gained properties.

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park

Mr. Dittmer reported that on the most recent workday, areas of erosion along the trail were addressed. These efforts appear to have been successful. Visitors, going off-trail have created new paths in areas that were never intended for public use. Crews are working to block access to these paths. Next Dittmer-Watts Workday is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 9am.

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

Ms. Bradley reported that a trail workday was held on Weedpatch. The trail is in great shape. Mr. Worcester and the PR&L Crew recently worked to clear out some dangerous trees from Buffalo Creek Park. The next workday for Buffalo Creek Park will be March 28 at 8am. Ms. Bradley reported the Upper Boulders Trail, currently being worked on by Carolina Climbers Coalition, should be ready for visitors by this summer.

Thanks to Ms. Bay and Ms. Krejci for their help with the Rumble. It was a great rock-climbing event.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Ms. Bay reported that February's numbers were good with many visitors on the Bridge. The newest display is called "Daffy Ducks" and will end April 11, 2023. Many plants are in bloom. The new azalea garden has been planted. The area looks fantastic. The 10th anniversary of the Flowering Bridge will bring plans of celebration & fundraising. The recent Rumble event was a success in spite of the weather. Ms. Bay presented communication from Lake Lure Rowing Club to Mr. Perkins, requesting the club being allowed use of a particular Town-owned property if it were to be vacated. Trash pick-up day along Boys Camp Rd. is scheduled.

Programs & Initiatives

There was no report.

Morse Park

Dana Bradley presented information about Morse Park improvements and the PARTF grant that the Town plans to apply for in May. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was in favor of moving forward with the grant application. The grant would provide funding for a universal playground and picnic area, bathrooms with showers, paved walking loop, and an expanded parking area.

Other Comments

Ms. Laura Krejci reported on upcoming events and meetings.

April offers the Sunrise Service at Chimney Rock.

The month of May has three important dates:

- The Arts & Crafts Festival - May 13 &14
- Spring Classic Boat & Auto Show - May 20
- Memorial Day – May 29

June has events as well:

- Olympiad "Lure of the Lake" – June 10
- Lake Lure Music Festival – June 10

Round Table Sessions will be held in the future.

Mayor Pritchett will be hosting quarterly Community Awareness Forums.

Adjournment

Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:47. 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 April 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
This meeting will be held at Town Hall.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Vice Chairman


Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk