



**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 4, 2022**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the August 4, 2022 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:38 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Board Members present:**

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman  
Ms. Maureen Bay

Mr. Robin Worcester  
Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Mark Hoek, Alternate  
Mr. Bill Massey

**Board Members absent:**

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Larry Czajkoski

**Town Council and Officials present:**

Commissioner Scott Doster  
Mr. Hank Perkins – Lake Lure Town Manager

**Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:**

Ms. Dana Bradley – Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Trails Coordinator  
Ms. Laura Krejci – Town of Lake Lure Communications Director  
Ms. Brenna Johnson – AmeriCorps Member

**Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

The Agenda for the August 4, 2022 meeting was reviewed and adjustments made. **Mrs. Bay made a motion to approve the agenda with adjustments. Mr. Hoek seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed and adjustments made. **Mr. Worcester made a motion to approve the minutes with adjustments. Mrs. Bay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

**New Business**

December 1	1:30 P.M.	Parks, Rec., and Lake Department Office or Lake Lure Municipal Center*
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\*Park and Recreation Board Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month except when the date falls on a holiday. Meetings will be held at the Parks, Rec., and Lake Department Office unless the Chair of the Board opts to meet at the Lake Lure Municipal Center. Decided location will be shown on the meeting agendas.

## **Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion**

### **Parks, Recreation & Lake Report – Ms. Dana Bradley**

Ms. Bradley introduced and welcomed our new AmeriCorps member, Brenna Johnson. Ms. Bradley reported a very exciting month for trails. Joe Hiatt is the new Trail Boss for the Weed Patch Mountain Trail. Mr. Hiatt is a Chimney Rock State Park Ranger. Workdays have been wonderful. Several downed trees have been cleared off the trails this month. Work continues on the RecDesk software system. There are some boat permitting issues that are being researched for possible solutions.

Ms. Bay brought up a concern of a boom that is completely across the river. Ms. Bradley responded that purpose of the boom is to catch debris from storms that frequent for our area during this season. Ms. Bradley will look into getting this moved, as weather permits.

Mr. Bragdon asked for an update on the deep-water boat launch. Ms. Bradley reported that we are currently working on permits for Phase I, which will construct 12 foot of the ramp. Phase II will construct the remaining 8 feet. There was discussion on who would be using the ramps and clarification that these ramps were for commercial use.

### **Green Space Updates – Ms. Dana Bradley**

Ms. Bradley reported that Town Council, at their last meeting, accepted the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendations that the areas on the roadside of the creek will remain mowed. This would include two large green areas kept short for public recreation. The remaining portion of said area will also remain mowed at a taller height. The Green Space, with its fresh mowing, looks great.

Ms. Bay questioned how many people are using the space. Ms. Bradley reported that there is steady usage by walkers and joggers. There was discussion with Commissioner Doster, clarifying which areas had been approved by Town Council for mowing.

### **Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer**

Mr. Dittmer was absent. Ms. Bradley reported that a sinkhole on the Creekside Trail had been filled in and the trail looked great.

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

Ms. Bradley reminded everyone of the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the Buffalo Creek Park on August 25, 2022 at 11am. The trail is in great shape even after the recent rains. AmeriCorps Member, Ms. Johnson reported on the hard work put in by several volunteers on the recent workday.

Mr. Bragdon asked about the placement of bolt anchors for rock climbing on that trail. Ms. Bradley reported Carolina Climbers Coalition are in charge of installing and maintaining the bolt anchors.

#### **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mrs. Bay**

Ms. Bay told the board that the Education Center is progressing. It has been a good month for visitors and donations. Fundraisers are ongoing. The bricks sold from the fundraiser are currently being installed.

Mr. Walters suggested naming rights for raising money for the education center. Ms. Bradley asked about parking spots. Ms. Bay is working with Chimney Rock State Park on the logistics of the purchase of, or usage of the lot across Boys Camp Road.

#### **Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters**

There was discussion regarding the TDA and monies that are earmarked for Morse Park. The current focus for Morse Park is the parking area. Commissioner Doster elaborated on a conceptual design of upcoming phases of the parking lot project.

#### **Programs and Initiatives – Mr. Dan Bragdon**

Mr. Bragdon suggested putting trail counters on the Green Space. Current placement of the trail counters was discussed. Ms. Bradley states the usage of trail counters are to show usage numbers to warrant grant monies. This is not needed with the Green Space at this time.

#### **Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Scott Doster**

Commissioner Doster spoke on some ideas for connecting the towns of Chimney Rock and Lake Lure with a walkway.

Ms. Bay questioned the Pool Creek Bridge light. Mr. Perkins offered that Dean Lindsey is awaiting communication from DOT.

Commissioner Doster mentioned the Dirty Dancing Festival is coming up and that there are limited number of tickets available. The event will be held at Keeter Park and will be limited to one day.

Commissioner Doster reminded the board that the lake drawdown will begin on January 1, 2023. The initial draw down will drop the level down 12 feet. All contractors have to be off the lake by March 15th. He also told the board that the AT&T cell tower is still scheduled to be placed in the area.

He announced that the Planning and Zoning Department will be moving to the old bank in the Arcade Building.

#### **Other Comments:**

Ms. Krejci reminded the group of the Olympiad coming up August 12-14. She also mentioned the Round Tables coming up. There will be one in Rumbling Bald on August 23 and one held at Town Hall on August 25.

Ms. Bay stated that she is very upset and embarrassed at the appearance of the Lake Lure post office. She has written the owners to complain and offered the address to anyone interested.

#### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Hoek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m. Mrs. 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 September 1, 2022 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Jim Walters, Chairman

  
Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk