



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board Meeting July 6, 2023

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Jim Walters called to order the July 6, 2023, Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Chairman Jim Walters	Mr. Ozzie McFarland	Mr. Bill Massey
Mr. Robin Worcester	Mr. Larry Czajkoski	Mr. Dan Bragdon

Board Members absent:

Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer
Ms. Maureen Bay

Town Council and Officials present:

Dave DiOrio, Town Councilman

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

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

Others:

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The Agenda for the July 6, 2023 regular meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to adopt the agenda, with correction of meeting date. Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

The minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Czajkoski made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Massey 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

Dana Bradley reviewed the details of the monthly report. There was a phenomenal amount of volunteer hours. Bat Cave Baptist Church had a workday to spruce up the Morse Park shelter area, which was much appreciated. The Board expounded upon the great value of the hours of work performed by all of the volunteers.

Mr. Massey asked the status of the Luremont Trail. Dana Bradley reported that the project is on hold for another year, due to the delay in the case being heard by the General Assembly.

Mr. Czajkoski asked where we stand on the installation of the access control arm for the boat ramp. Dana Bradley reported that lack of quotes for the project. Mr. Czajkoski also asked about the gas pump relocation. Dana Bradley responded that the plan is still in process; however, there is no timeline available on its completion.

Green Space Updates

Mr. Bragdon asked about the part of The Green Space being closed off and flagged. Dana Bradley reported that there is an erosion issue causing holes that could cause visitors to be injured. The issue is being addressed.

The second connector for Dittmer-Watts and The Green Space is open and already popular with visitors.

Board Goals

The Board discussed the shift of the Board's focus to how best to take full advantage of the assets available within the Town. Chairman Walters will present the specifics of the Board's goals at the next Town Council meeting.

Mr. Bragdon made a motion to adopt the following outline as the mission/vision statement for the Board. Mr. Massey seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

- **Share thoughts on projects and give suggestions**
- **Advise and make recommendations on proposed future parks and recreation needs for the Town of Lake Lure.**
- **Decide on an annual accomplishment plan at the beginning of each year**
- **Measure accomplishments at the end of each year in the form of an annual report that is presented to Town Council**
- **Measure impacts of current parks and trails**
- **Give back through volunteering at work days or Town events, representing the Board at Town meetings and events, and speaking with the public**

Discussion was had as to how to collect data that shows the interest of our visitors/residence.

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park

There has been reports of tree debris on the Dittmer-Watts Trail that will need to be taken care of on the next workday.

Buffalo Creek Park & Weed Patch Mountain

Weed Patch has been reported to have at least seven trees down across the trails. The trails can be traversed. These downed trees will be taken care of on the next workday.

Dana Bradley reported that the new boulder trail could possibly be ready by October.

In celebration of the *Year of the Trail*, plans are in the works for a collaborative event recognizing the trails that have been included into the Hickory Nut Gorge State Trail system, as well as the opening of the Upper Boulders Trail.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge,

In Ms. Bay's absence, Mr. Massey reported on the month's activities along the Flowering Bridge. Many volunteers and visitors frequent the Flowering Bridge area.

Dana went over a communication of Ms. Bay's report. The Anniversary party was a huge success. The brick promotion is underway.

The challenge of area parking was discussed.

There was discussion of various opportunities for, and the recruitment of volunteers throughout the Town.

Morse Park

Mr. Walters reported the Park continues to boom with activity. The Master Plan for the area is much anticipated.

Programs & Initiatives

Mr. Bragdon referred back to the aforementioned conversations regarding volunteer direction/recruitment as well as the Board's mission/vision statement.

There was a suggestion to revisit the possibility of naming rights as a source of funding for projects.

Input from Town Council Liaison

Councilman Di'Orio joined in the discussions throughout the meeting.

Public Comment

Dana Bradley reported the tennis courts are to be resurfaced. This completed project will offer one court that will offer one Tennis/2 Pickle Ball Courts and one court will be a dedicated Pickle ball court.

Laura reported the new Boater Safety Course video is available online.

She also announced the following events:

- Farmers Market is being well received.
- Sheriff Ellenburg will be speaking at the new Community Awareness Program scheduled for July 19 at 5pm. It will be held at Town Hall.
- A big event for Cycle NC will be held August 4-5.
- The Olympiad will be held August 11-13.
- The Chamber will hold the Lake Lure Dance Festival in Morse Park September 16.

Adjournment

Mr. Worcester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15p.m. 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 August 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Office.

ATTEST:

Jim Walters, Vice Chairman

Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk