



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2022

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order December 5, 2022 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:27 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Mark Helms, Chairman	Mr. David Lusk	Mr. Jim Lemmons
Mr. Gary Hasenfus	Mr. Richard Sayles	Ms. Kathie Hatfield
Ms. Sonya Ledford		

Absent:

No absences

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Council Liaison – Commissioner David DiOrio
Parks, Recreation & Lake Director, Dean Givens
Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator, Dana Bradley
Town Manager, Hank Perkins

The meeting opened with Police Chief, Sean Humphries offering news from the Lake Lure Police Department (LLPD). Corporal Aaron Collins is heading up the law enforcement end of the areas' dive team. The department is in the process of training and accruing equipment necessary for meeting the needs of dive team response. Chief Humphries will be scheduling a full-time officer to attend future LAB meetings. The LLPD's presence at LAB meetings will provide a resourceful sounding board for various issues. Discussion was had about the amount of lake patrol available with consideration of current staffing numbers.

Commissioner Di'Orio spoke to the value of the boater license program from a law enforcement perspective. Education of boaters will take away the validity of a boater's claim to ignorance of Lake Lure's laws.

Chief Humphries closed his time after asking for any further questions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the December 5, 2022 Board Meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Lusk made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Lemmons seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the November 7, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Ms. Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Lemmons seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

New Business

2023 Commercial Boat Permit Model

Mr. Givens reviewed the 2023 Commercial Boat Permit Model spreadsheet. The number of boats applied for fits in to the model. Discussion was had regarding rental property owners not being licensed commercially. Commercial License applicants have been made aware of the requirement of the Boater License. **Mr. Lusk made a motion to approve to recommend the model as it stands, to Marine Commission. Mr. Lemmons seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Boater License Project

Question was asked as to where the test would be available. Availability of the test will be at Parks, Recreation & Lake Office, Rumbling Bald Resort, Lake Lure Tours and Lake Lure Adventure Company. An online version will be made available before the end of December. The LAB Members will be given the course and be quizzed, after adjournment of this meeting. Licenses will be issued to each board member passing the quiz.

LAB Communications

Report from Council Liaison

The drawdown is on schedule to proceed as planned. Communication of the fluctuating lake levels during the drawdown period is needed, as other entities will be working on projects during this time, as well. Mr. Givens will pass on communications as information comes in to him.

There are no vacancies scheduled for the Lake Advisory Board this year.

Mr. Helms will be briefing the Marine Commission with a report of the LAB's 2022 accomplishments at the next Marine Commission Meeting.

Report from Lake Operations – Dean Givens

There were no questions regarding the November Parks, Recreation & Lake Activities Report.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus shared the good news that a 2023 fish and ecosystem survey has been approved as well as stocking the Lake with 20,000 Redfin fish. Southeast Pond will be conducting the study in May of 2023. Discussion was had regarding the return of tagged fish or tags by fishermen who reel in tagged specimens.

Disposed Christmas trees are being sought from the public, as they can be used to create habitats in areas of the Lake.

Emergency Preparedness – Dave Lusk

Mr. Lusk states the emergency responders are watching weather reports and maintaining generators in order to remain prepared.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Dean Givens

The monies designated for excavation purposes in 2022 have been depleted at this time. The application for 2023 grant monies has been sent in. A response is expected in January 2023. Excavation dredging in the Morse Park area is ongoing. Once dredging is complete the spoil is cleared carried away, grass will be planted in the area damaged during the process.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford suggested that a disclaimer be added to the 2023 boat permit application regarding ballast regulations. There is a need to advertise the requirements of current regulations regarding ballast boat limits and specification sheet requirements for permitting.

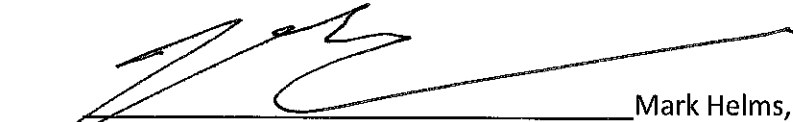
Adjournment

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

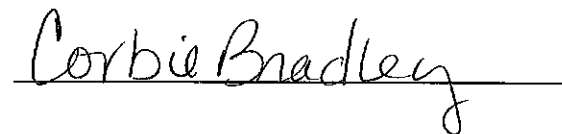
Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be January 9, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

ATTEST:



Mark Helms, Chairman



Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk