



**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation  
Board Meeting  
January 4, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the January 4, 2024, Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Board Members present:**

Chairman Jim Walters	Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer	Mr. Dan Bragdon
Mr. Ozzie McFarland		

**Board Members absent:**

Mr. Robin Worcester	Ms. Mo Bay	Mr. Larry Czajkoski
Mr. Bill Massey		

**Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:**

Hank Perkins, Town Manager  
Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator  
Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation & Lake Director

**Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

The agenda for the January 4, 2024, regular meeting was reviewed with modifications. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adopt the agenda with modifications. Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

The minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Bragdon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

**New Business**

**Review Board Vacancies & Applications**

Mr. Walters noted that Mr. Czajkoski and Mr. Worcester were applying for reappointment. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Czajkoski and Mr. Worcester to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

Mr. Walters shared that Mr. Dittmer will not be reapplying for his position on the Board. Mr. Perkins reached out to Olivia Stewman via phone for advisement on the application consideration. She advised that the Board could make their recommendations in the February meeting.

Mr. McFarland expressed that he was not interested in assuming the Chairman role but will vacate his position as alternate, to assume the vacancy created by Mr. Dittmer's not renewing after his term expiration.

The board vacancies are Chair and an Alternate. Ms. Bay declined the appointment to Chair the Board. **Mr. Bragdon made a motion to recommend restarting Mr. McFarland's term as a Board member, leaving a vacancy for an alternate. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

Discussion was had on what vacancies remain. The selection process for Chair replacement, board member and replacement will be tabled until February's Board meeting.

### **PRB Communications**

#### **Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report**

Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley went over the volunteer hours. She reported root revitalization has been done on the Crepe Myrtles at the Beach. Parking on the dirt around the base of the trees has damaged the roots. The revitalization was done to help salvage the trees. Parking blocks have been installed to stop the parking on the roots.

Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Bradley led a discussion on the need for continuing the trail counters, which is a paid resource. A determination was made to cancel the contract with the company that collects the trail counter data.

#### **Updates of Town Trails**

Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Bradley reported several successful workdays on the Town's trails. Parks, Recreation & Lake Crew went out and addressed an issue on the Dogwood Trail. An ordinance is being developed regarding e-bikes on the trails. Trees were downed by recent storms and these have since been cleared, and all trails have been reported in great shape.

Mr. Dittmer reported that Dittmer-Watts is being used regularly. He and Americorps Member, Maddie Bartosh have spent time working on the trails. Mr. Bragdon will be taking over as Trail Boss for Dittmer-Watts after March. He will report his findings to Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Bradley.

Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Bradley expressed appreciation for the great contributions made of Mr. Dittmer & Mr. Walters.

#### **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge**

Ms. Bay reported that year-to-date visitor numbers are the highest ever reported. The Flowering Bridge staff continues working towards getting a permit for a sewer line, to move forward with the completion of the education center.

#### **Programs & Initiatives**

Mr. Bragdon spoke on the benefits of letting the Green Space return to the former state. The availability of restrooms was discussed. Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley will be securing portable toilets for The Green Space. Currently, the bathrooms in the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office are available during office hours.

#### **Input from Town Council Liaison**

In the absence of Commissioner Jim Proctor, Town Manager Hank Perkins reported that a presentation will be made to the Marine Commission on the location of the future Fire/Police Departments. This presentation will bring about the Marine Commission's decision on the placement of the future fire/police departments. That decision will open the way for plans for The Green Space.

### **Other Comment**

No other comments were made.

**Adjournment**

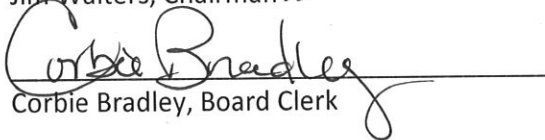
**Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 p.m. Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be February 1, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Office.

ATTEST:

  
Jim Walters, Chairman

  
Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk