

Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board <u>Regular Meeting</u> April 3, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Kathleen Hatfield called to order the April 3, 2023 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:27p.m.

<u>Roll Call</u>

Board Members present Chairperson Kathleen Hatfield Ms. Sonya Ledford Mr. Mark Helms

Vice Chairman Jim Lemmons Mr. Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Dave Lusk Mr. Richard Sayles

Absent:

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Council Liaison - Commissioner David DiOrio Parks, Recreation & Lake Director Dean Givens Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley Officer Tyler Dills

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the April 3, 2023 Board Meeting was reviewed. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the March 6, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the minutes with the modification of the next meetings date. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Chair/Vice Chair Communications

Special Recognition

Chairman Hatfield recognized Mr. Helm's service as previous Chairman of the Lake Advisory Board as well as Secretary to the Board.

LAB Reports and Comments

Report from Council Liaison

Commissioner Di'Orio spoke on the video project associated with the Boater Safety Program.

Report from Lake Operations

Mr. Bradley reported that everyone is looking forward to the refilling process of the Lake. Annual permit sales are high with lots of compliance for boat owners. Daily permits has been a learning curve for the PR&L Staff. A locked drop box system is being developed for making previously purchased daily permits available for the convenience of anglers. Questions came up regarding any denied permits due to weight, length or horsepower. The permitting process is working well within Rumbling Bald on Lake Lure. Lake Lure Tours is getting ready for their sales process. Licensing process is going well.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus reported that donated trees are still be placed in the bed of the lake to provide habitats for fish. The fish study is still scheduled for May 17 -19, 2023. Ms. Hasenfus reported that the only fish stocked in Lake Lure are feeder fish.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dave Lusk

Mr. Lusk had nothing to report. The officer reported that training was ongoing with the LLPD staff. The LLPD will appreciate any feedback as to what types of regulations are being seen.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens, reports that river dredging is being finished up. Once the lake is back up to full pond, hydraulic dredging will begin again. Mr. Lemmons reported that Rumbling Bald on Lake Lure's dredging project is going well.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford had nothing to report.

Public Comment

Commissioner Doster asked for details of the materials used to refurbish the beach. Mr. Givens reported that dredging materials from the current dredging project are cleaned and used to refurbish the beach.

Unfinished Business

Update on Revision of Daily Permitting Process

Ms. Bradley reported that online permit purchases are not yet available, however once an original permit purchase is made, subsequent permit purchases will be available by phone. A drop box system is being put into place to make the purchased permits available for the boater's convenience. Permit customers must keep their boat permit purchase receipts will be highly important for the daily permits that will be left in the locked box.

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Update on Marina Gate Arm/Access Restrictions

Mr. Givens reported that he is working with a company for the electronic gating process. Bollards will be installed soon. Dam Marina is made inaccessible to the public. RB on LL also has ramps that are not accessible to the public. Commissioner DiOrio suggested a recommendation be made by the LAB regarding signage for ramp areas.

New Business

LAB 2023 Goals, Objectives and Timelines

Chairman Hatfield tasked the board to consider future recommendations for Lake Use Regulations. Recommendations need to be completed by August 2024. Topics to consider: Available permit types, ramp security, buoy placement, daily permit protocol, and verbiage regarding license requirements. Chairman Hatfield recommended that the Boater License requirement be added to the Boater's Guide upon the next revision of the document. Discussion was had regarding controlling boats with excessive wake.

Hasenfus made a motion to change the July LAB Meeting from July 3, 2023 to July 10, 2023. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 5:07 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 May 1, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

ATTEST:

Kathleen Hatfield, Chairman Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk