

Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board Regular Meeting

June 5, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Kathleen Hatfield called to order the June 5, 2023 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:33p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present

Chairperson Kathleen Hatfield

Mr. Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Richard Sayles

Mr. Mark Helms

Absent:

Vice Chairman Jim Lemmons

Mr. Dave Lusk

Ms. Sonya Ledford

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the June 5, 2023 Board Meeting was reviewed. Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the May 1, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the minutes with the modification of the next meetings date. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Chair/Vice Chair Communications

There was discussion of future changes to the Lake Use Regulations.

Motion was made to change Mr. Gary Hasenfus' absence from May's board meeting, to "excused for fish stocking". Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the modification. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

LAB Reports and Comments

Report from Council Liaison

Mr. DiOrio discussed the possibility of a 12-foot drawdown this season.

Report from Lake Operations

Dana Bradley reported that the volunteer hours were high this month. A large contributor to that number was Ms. Hatfield who has assisted the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office with data entry of the 2023 Boat Permit Applications into the new system. Her assistance is much appreciated, as well as the assistance of so many others. Mr Hasenfus' efforts with the tree placement as well as the fish stocking is also greatly appreciated.

Fishery & Ecosystem - Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus reported that the recent stocking of the Threadfin went smoothly. The fish that were received were much smaller this year, which equated to more fish, however there was a slightly higher mortality rate.

He also reported that the fish survey, performed in May, went well. The Southeastern Pond's report should be available by the end of July 1, 2023.

Discussion was had that when a tagged fish is caught? A report should be made by the angler, to the Town regarding the tag number, weight and type of the fish caught. This process should be promoted on social media. Dean Givens has a picture that should accompany the post.

Emergency Preparedness & Response - Dave Lusk

Nothing to report.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Dean Givens

There is no dredging being down currently. The Town is sending the project out to bid. Once the bids come in and the decision made, the project will get back on track.

Regulations & Law Enforcement - Sonya Ledford

Officer Aaron Collis reported the LLPD's patrol hours, safety checks, contacted vessels along with citations issued. Civil fines are being collected at the Parks, Recreations & Lake Office. (LLPD Attachment)

It was mentioned that Livery permit stickers have been spotted at the Dam Marina as well as at Washburn Marina. This will be addressed by the Parks, Recreation & Lake Staff.

Public Comment

Margaret Huber, Resident of Sunset Cove, Lake Lure expressed frustration with the specification sheet requirements for the permitting process. She and her husband were looking for the reasoning behind the new requirement. Commissioner Di'Orio and Board Members explained that there were boats permitted on the lake in years past that were actually not up to regulations. The new verification process has proven to be effective in stopping non-permittable boats from being permit this year.

Unfinished Business

Update on Revision of Daily Permitting Process

Dana Bradley reported that online permit purchases are still not available from the company with whom we are contracted.

She also noted that currently, permit decal numbers are not searchable. This feature is greatly needed for the law enforcement officers. The request for this feature will be put back to the MOLO.

The number of Annual Motorized permit stickers still available was discussed.

Update on Marina Gate Arm/Access Restrictions

Ms. Hatfield noted that the bollards have been installed at the south end of the beach area. Signage for permits being required have not been installed.

New Business

Nothing to report.

LAB 2023 Goals, Objectives and Timelines

None noted.

Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:40p.m. Mr. Hasenfus 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 July 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

Kathleen Hatfield, Chairman

Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk

ATTEST:

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