



**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation
Board Meeting
August 3, 2023**

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the August 3, 2023, Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Chairman Jim Walters	Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer	Mr. Ozzie McFarland
Mr. Robin Worcester	Mr. Bill Massey	

Board Members absent:

Ms. Maureen Bay	Mr. Dan Bragdon	Mr. Larry Czajkoski
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Town Council and Officials present:

Councilman Jim Proctor

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

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

Others:

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The Agenda for the August 3, 2023 regular meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Mr. Worcester seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

The minutes of the July 6, 2023 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McFarland seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Walters discussed his upcoming report to Town Council regarding the Board's goals.

PRB COMMUNICATIONS

Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report

Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley went over the Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report. She noted another stellar month with large numbers of volunteer hours. She also noted the department has been very busy preparing for Town events. She announced that on Saturday,

September 30, 2023, a grand opening for the new Upper Boulders Trail portion of the Buffalo Creek Park Trail will begin at 9:30am. Plans for the blazing/marketing of the Lake Lure portion of trails that have been designated as part of the Hickory Nut State Gorge State Park are coming together, as well.

Green Space Updates & Recommendations

Dana Bradley reported that a portion of The Green Space is still blocked off due to poor drainage and erosion issues. This will need to be addressed by the Department of Transportation. Once DOT repairs the problem, the damage will be repaired.

The creek-bank restoration project is on hold, pending the Town's development of the Green Space Master Plan.

Currently, there are no plans for the return of the golf course per Councilman Proctor.

The term has ended for the most recent AmeriCorps member. The new member will come on board in September.

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park

Mr. Dittmer reports that the trails are in good shape and are getting used by many visitors. Work orders have been submitted for maintenance of the roof of the picnic shelter. Dana Bradley reported that there continues to be a drainage issue in one particular area of Dittmer-Watts. The department is attempting to resolve this.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock

Mr. Worcester reported that there are plans for volunteers and AmeriCorps to clear two reported downed trees. Other than the downed trees, the trail is good shape.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Mr. Massey reported that the staff of The Flowering Bridge is very grateful for the Town's efforts in helping with parking. The Flowering Bridge staff is also grateful to the Management of Fae Nectar, as they have been helpful with sharing the parking lot for their facility when they are able. Recently, newspaper articles and news shows have highlighted The Flowering Bridge. The numbers of visitors are high.

Morse Park

Chairman Walters reported that the Park is booming with visitors. The Board discussed the goose population in the area. The gosling population has been effectively addressed in years past. Dana Bradley reported that, even with the large amount of adult geese and the mess they leave behind, the water samples come in well within a good range.

Programs & Initiatives

Nothing to report.

Input from Town Council Liaison Jim Proctor

Nothing further to report.

Other Comments

Dana Bradley reported on the kudzu in the area. The majority of kudzu growing in Lake Lure is on private property. Each year, the portion of kudzu growing on Town property is sprayed with a treatment that is safe for surrounding vegetation and animals. The Tennis/ Pickle Ball court restoration is still in the works.

Laura Krejci reported on the routes of the cyclists will be using.

Mr. Dittmer reported on the Olympiad events scheduled for the weekend of 8/11/2023.

Laura Krejci commented on last month's community forum with Sherriff Aaron Ellenburg. There was a good amount of citizen presence at the forum.

The timeframe for the Lake drawdown scheduled for January 1 through March 31, 2024 was discussed, as well as projects scheduled for that time.

Adjournment

Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mr. Worcester 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 September 11, 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