



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board
Special Meeting
January 5, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the January 5, 2023 Special Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Chairman Jim Walters	Mr. Dan Bragdon	Ms. Maureen Bay
Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer	Mr. Robin Worcester	Mr. Bill Massey
Mr. Larry Czajkoski		

Board Members absent:

No members absent

Town Council and Officials present:

Town Council Liaison, Commissioner Scott Doster

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

Dana Bradley, Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The Agenda for the January 5, 2023 was reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to adopt the 2023 Meeting Schedule. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the November 3, 2022 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Bragdon made a motion to approve the minutes with one modification to the name of Rumbling Bald Resort to Rumbling Bald on Lake Lure. Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Alternate Board Member Recommendation

Chairman Walters started the discussion of applicant considerations for potential Alternate Board Members to fill the position left vacant from Mr. Hoek's resignation. Commissioner Doster stated that there is not a requirement of Town of Lake Lure residency to serve on Town Boards. Mr. Walters will be responsible for reaching out to the proposed applicants. Board members with terms expiring in March

2023 are Mr. Walters, Ms. Bay and Mr. Massey. If any board members desire to continue serving, they must reapply through Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk.

Commissioner Doster shared that Chairman Walters did a nice presentation to Town Council reporting the activities and accomplishments of the Parks & Recreation Board in 2022.

Discussion of consideration of applicants was had. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to contact Ozzie McFarland regarding his acceptance of the nomination to serve as alternate P&R Board member, pending Town Council's approval. Mr. Czajkoski seconded the motion and all members were in favor.** If Ozzie McFarland does not accept, Chairman Walters will reach out to Elizabeth Humphries.

Approve Proposed 2023 Parks & Recreation Meeting Schedule

PRB COMMUNICATIONS

Parks, Recreation & Lake Report- Dana Bradley

Ms. Bradley reported that the dredging grants for 2023 have been submitted. MOLO, the system for permitting & slip rentals has been successfully implemented. The boater license quiz and study will be available online by tomorrow. The in-person version is available at The Green Space/Parks Recreation & Lake Office. The Parks, Recreation & Lake Office has been very busy with permitting sales, testing and issuing license, slip rentals and calls from the public with questions on the new rules and regulations.

Commissioner Doster reported the lake level has begun to drop and projects are ready to start. A town-owned, deep-water launch is in the plans. He also stated a bid will go out the installation of a lake drain. This installation is not dependent on the level of the lake being down.

Ms. Bradley went on to report that a bid would be going out for the trimming of the Town's Crepe Myrtles.

Green Space Updates- Dana Bradley

Ms. Bradley reported that trail counters are proving the popularity of the trails with high counts of visitors. The numbers are high in spite of the bitter cold. More gravel is being add to the already graveled connector for The Green Space and Dittmer-Watts.

No updates are available for the streamside restoration.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park- Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer recently walked the trails. One tree has been reported downed and is being taken care of. The entire trail is looking good. Suggested projects have been discussed with Ms. Bradley. Lots of crossover traffic from Dittmer-Watts to The Green Space.

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

Mr. Worcester reported that the Buffalo Creek Park Trail is in good shape after recent storms. The footbridges need some boards replaced in spite of the young age of the boards.

Ms. Bradley reported that Weed Patch had a large tree to come down during the storm and it brought down several smaller trees along with it. The PR&L Maintenance Crew are working to clear the trail at the time of the meeting.

Joe Hyatt will be inspecting Weed Patch Mountain Trail and reporting findings January 16, 2023.

The next workday for Buffalo Creek Park is January 10, 2023. The next workday for Weed Patch is January 12, 2023.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge- Maureen Bay

Ms. Bay passed around a flyer for upcoming classes to be offered by the Flowering Bridge. The year 2023 brings the 10th anniversary of the Flowering Bridge. There are plans for lots of celebrations. The big event will be a garden party to be held at The Riverside Event Center on June 2, 2023. More information will be coming in the near future. Work is being done on the volunteer parking lot. The trail counters show a good number of visitor for the month. Donations are coming in and the bricks are being sold.

Morse Park – Jim Walters

Mr. Walters shared what he conveyed in his year-end account of Parks & Recreation Board to Town Council. He was able to speak highly of the significant accomplishments of the Board over the past year. The board works well with the support of Town Council and has led to the Town of Lake Lure being well known beyond the the boundaries of our Lake Lure community. Comments were made on the growth since the commencement of the Parks, Recreation & Lake Department. Ms. Bradley's work with entities such as Conserving Carolina, State Parks, ROC, etc. has brought about much of that growth.

Ms. Bradley shared that a parcel of property has come up for sale by Buffalo Creek Park Trail. The group, Conserving Carolinas, is attempting to purchase this property for further trail development.

The new bouldering trail should be complete by August 2023.

Discussion was had regarding sources of funding for the Morse Park Plan.

Programs and Initiatives- Dan Bragdon

Mr. Bragdon put out the question, what is the core focus and priority of the Board's advisory role? How can that focus be best supported in that advisory position? Board is tasked to be gathering thoughts and ideas on this topic. Mr. Bragdon recommended that the Board set aside the first meeting of each year to clarify the Board's vision. Gathering recommendations regarding The Green Space Plan needs be a priority of the Board.

Mr. Bragdon recommended and the Board agreed to have Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk remove Mr. Hoek's name from the Board's roster on the website.

Additional Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Scott Doster

Commissioner Doster encouraged the board to bring forward ideas and suggestions.

Other Comments:

Adjournment

Mr. Worcester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:17. Mr. Dittmer 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 2, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Department Office.

ATTEST:


Jim Walters, Chairman


Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk