



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Helms called to order the March 6, 2023 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present

Chairman Mark Helms	Mr. David Lusk	Mr. Jim Lemmons
Ms. Sonya Ledford	Mr. Gary Hasenfus	Ms. Kathie Hatfield
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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the March 6, 2023 Board Meeting was reviewed. Modification of Agenda item A. *Vote on Chairman and Vice Chairman* be moved to New Business. **Ms. Hatfield made a motion to approve the Agenda with the modification. Mr. Lusk seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 6, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Hatfield seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

New Business

Discuss Amending Daily Permitting Process

A number of anglers showed up at the most recent Town Council meeting, with grievances of how difficult the permitting process for Daily Permits has become. The logistics of a smoother permitting process was discussed.

LAB Communications

Vote on Chairman & Vice Chairman

Chairman Helms asked for any nominations or volunteers for the Chairman or Vice Chairman position. **Mr. Helms nominated Ms. Hatfield for the Chairman position and Mr. Lusk seconded. All members were in favor.** Ms. Hatfield accepted after noting that she was new to the area and not as familiar as the other members are. She would need the knowledgeable support of the other members.

Newly appointed Chairperson, Ms. Hatfield nominated Mr. Lemmons for the Vice Chairman position. Mr. Helms seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Mr. Lemmons accepted.

Report from Council Liaison

Commissioner DiOrio reported on activity from the last Town Council Meeting. Much time in the Town Council Meeting was spent addressing miscommunication of the new permitting regulations. A number of anglers showed up with grievances of how difficult the permitting process for Daily Permits has become.

Report from Lake Operations

Ms. Bradley reported that February was busy month with lots of permits being sold. Questions regarding regulations and permitting keep the office busy via email, phone call and in person. Most recently, a contentious matter was questioned by contractors/homeowners blowing leaves into the lakebed during drawdown. The Community Development Department has confirmed that the process of blowing leaves from a residential yard into the lakebed, as determined by the 990 mean sea level, is prohibited. A note will be made to revisit this issue with the next LUR recommendations.

Mr. Givens offered a map to use for conversations on buoys and their placement. He encouraged the board to continue researching possible modifications in the current buoy placement.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Hasenfus reported that the Town has applied for the annual stocking permit and it has been approved. Mr. Hasenfus shared details of the process of stocking the lake without contaminating the Lake's water with the water from the transportation/storage tank. The 2023 fish study has been approved and is scheduled for May 17-19, 2023. Placement of the donated trees for fish habitats has begun. This will be ongoing as the Lake refills from drawdown.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dave Lusk

Lake Lure Fire Department held a Lake Lure Boater License training session. This training session was open to the area fire departments. Fire fighters and first responders from the area attended and were able to obtain the Lake Lure Boater License. Officer Kortney Burrell reported that several officers from the LLPD have obtained their license as well.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Dean Givens

Mr. Givens reported that excavation style dredging is continuing while the Lake is drawn down. Hydraulic dredging will continue when the Lake is brought back up. Ms. Bradley has applied for and the Town has been approved for grants for continued dredging.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Ms. Ledford had nothing to report. Officer Burrell had nothing to report. Ms. Hatfield brought up boat permits being required on boats on the Lake, by May 1, 2023. Boat owners will be expected to and will have ample time to purchase and apply 2023 Boat Permit stickers prior to being put on the Lake.

Additional Business

Mr. Givens brought up a discussion of a public suggestion of the availability of fishing tournaments being held on Lake Lure.

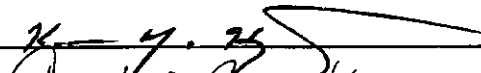
Adjournment

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.

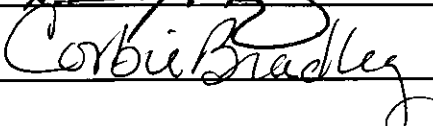
Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be April 3, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

ATTEST:



Kathleen Hatfield, Chairman



Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk