



**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 6, 2022**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the October 6, 2022 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:35 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Board Members present:**

Chairman Jim Walters

Ms. Maureen Bay

Mr. Robin Worcester

Vice Chairman Ed Dittmer

Mr. Bill Massey

**Board Members absent:**

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Mr. Mark Hoek

Mr. Dan Bragdon

**Town Council and Officials present:**

Town Council Liaison, Commissioner Scott Doster

**Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:**

Dean Givens, Town of Lake Lure Director of Parks, Recreation, and Lake

Ron Hancock, Senior Planner, Destination by Design

**Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

The Agenda for the October 6, 2022 was reviewed **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

**New Business**

**Board Members Terms and Attendance**

Commissioner Doster stated that, under guidance from the Town, all Boards were revamped at the beginning of 2022, with terms starting in March of each year. A Lake Lure Advisory & Statutory Board Handbook is available on the Town's website. Mr. Doster asked Chairman Walters to discuss term expirations for the Parks & Recreation Board members at the next Parks & Recreation Board Meeting.

### **Phase 2, Morse Park Master Plan**

Ron Hancock, Senior Planner for Destination by Design presented a vision of Phase 2 of the Morse Park Master Plan. Proposed features, cost, budget, and funding sources were topics of discussion during the presentation. Mr. Hancock will be presenting this same content to Town Council later in the day.

Mr. Massey brought up for discussion the community's need to keep a large, level area available that would be suitable for play, such as soccer games.

Mr. Givens addressed the current fuel pump placement and where it would be located in the proposed plan.

Mr. Massey made a motion that the board recommends the proposal for Phase 2 of the Morse Park Master Plan. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

### **Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion**

#### **Parks, Recreation & Lake Report**

There were no questions about the PR&L Report. Mr. Massey inquired about the status of the Luremont Trail project. Mr. Givens reported that the Luremont Trail is still a priority. The project has stalled before the General Assembly. The project also needs DOT approval for a crosswalk. Mr. Givens reported Parks, Recreation & Lake Department has applied for several of our trails to become part of the Hickory Nut Gorge State Trail system. Our trail counters are providing great numbers for each of the trails. Electric bikes will soon be offered through the PR&L Office. The Town has contracted with MOLO for permitting software and training and implementation will begin within the month.

Ms. Bay asked about the Pool Creek Bridge lights. Commissioner Doster reported the installation is complete and all lights have been working for more than a week.

#### **Green Space Updates**

Mr. Givens gave reported that visitors frequent the office with questions about the Green Space and other trails. The counters show high usage of the Green Space. The dilapidated cart shed has been torn down and replaced with a nice metal building. This building houses the equipment and trucks of the PR&L Maintenance Team. There has been a lot of change over the past year with the transition from the municipal golf course area to the Parks, Recreation & Lake Department headquarters. Great efforts and many hours have been spent renovating the space. This next year, the department will focus on the finer details of the changeover. The TDA and DOT will be installing directional signage for the Green Space in the near future. Mr. Massey was asked and he accepted to help with the Green Space area.

#### **Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park**

Mr. Dittmer reported that Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail was in good shape. The fall season should bring good leaf cover for the roots. The next workday, the crew will focus on clearing the Dogwood and Creekside Trail drains.

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

Mr. Walters read an e-mail from Mr. Czajkoski. Although Mr. Czajkoski was absent, he wanted certain topics to be addressed

- Hickory Nut Gorge State Trail application process

- Status of the Luremont Trail
- Discussion of advertising/promoting the Green Space

All topics were addressed.

#### **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge**

The Flowering Bridge has been very popular, with lots of guests visiting. The fundraising “thermometer” has been installed. This sign will indicate fundraising goals for the Education Center. The Bear Auction fundraiser will be available on the Flowering Bridge’s website later this month. Ms. Bay was asked about the financial need for the Educational Center and her response was \$100,000. Ms. Bay noted that no public restrooms would be made available with the new build.

#### **Morse Park**

Reference the New Business section, **Phase 2 - Morse Park Master Plan.**

#### **Programs and Initiatives**

Mr. Bragdon was absent.

#### **Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Scott Doster**

Commissioner Doster announced that the Marine Commission had passed the new Lake Use Regulations and shared some highlights from the document. Enforcement of the Regulations is backed by Marine Commission.

The time frame for cell tower installation remains unknown. The Historical Society has stalled the project, despite the property owners wanting to proceed.

#### **Other Comments:**

Ms. Bay commented that attention has been spent on the landscaping at the Lake Lure Post Office.

#### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m. Ms. Bay 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 November 3, 2022 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