



**Lake Lure Parks & Recreation
Board Meeting
December 7, 2023**

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Walters called to order the December 7, 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. Bill Massey
Mr. Larry Czajkoski	Mr. Dan Bragdon	Mr. Ozzie McFarland
Mr. Robin Worcester		

Board Members absent:

Ms. Mo Bay

Town Council and Officials present:

Mr. Jim Proctor

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

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

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the December 2, 2023, regular meeting was reviewed with modifications. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion to adopt the agenda with modifications. Mr. Czajkoski seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

The minutes of the November 2, 2023 meeting were reviewed. **Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

New Business

Approve 2024 LAB Meeting Schedule

The 2024 schedule was reviewed. A determination was made to move the meeting for July to Monday, July 8, 2024. **Mr. Dittmer made a motion accept the move of the July 2024 meeting to July 8, 2024. Ms. Czajkoski seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Changes to Agenda Topics

The Board discussed changes to make the agenda more streamlined. Individual trails will no longer be listed individually. Discussion of trails will fall under the heading of Updates on Town Trails.

PRB Communications

Parks, Recreation & Lake Monthly Report

November showed a large number of volunteer work hours. PR&L staff has put up the Holiday decorations around Town. A Christmas tree pole and light kit that had been purchased to be displayed for the *Lighting Up of Lake Lure* celebration, was delivered in substandard condition, lacking many lightbulbs and with the contents being damaged. For this reason, a natural Christmas was purchased and displayed. The Town will move forward to find a suitable replacement for the previously purchased display for next year.

Mr. Bragdon asked PR&T Coordinator Bradley about the presentation of the Commercial Model to Marine Commission. PR&T Coordinator Bradley explained the reason behind the Commercial Model. Discussion was had regarding the cleanup of storm damage. There was no damage to the trail treads in the area. Trail Bosses, Joe Hyatt, Ed Dittmer and Robin Worcester, keep the Trails Coordinator and PR&L Staff informed of needs along the trails.

Mr. Bragdon brought up a lack of compliance for dogs on leashes.

The board discussed the need for regulations on electric bikes. PR&T Coordinator Bradley will look into updating the regulations that pertain to electric bikes on the trails. Electric bikes with throttle assist will not be allowed on the trails. Electric bikes with pedal assist will be allowed on the trails.

Green Space Updates

A feasibility study of The Green Space will begin after the determination is made on the placement of the new Fire Department. When asked about the closed off area of The Green Space, PR&T Coordinator Bradley reported the issues causing the erosion and repairs of the damage will be addressed in 2024.

Dittmer – Watts Nature Trail Park

Mr. Dittmer reported that he recently worked with AmeriCorps Member, Maddie Bartosh, on the trails. They found that a hole has developed at the entrance of the Dogwood Trail and needs to be repaired. Mr. Bragdon asked if the current placement of the GS trail counters was adequately reflecting trail usage on The Green Space. He asked if it would make sense to move one of The Green Space counters to the Upper Boulders Trail to collect information on its usage.

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

Mr. Czajkoski asked about the status of the Upper Boulders Trail. PR&T Coordinator Bradley stated that Carolina Climbers Coalition has reported this trail as complete and the trails ribbon cutting was held this past September.

PR&T Coordinator Bradley reported that Carolina Climbers Coalition has completed the acquisition of the lands adjoining Buffalo Creek Park. Ideas for potential trail types for this land was discussed.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Ms. Bay provided the following statement for Mr. Walters to read in her absence.

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge has had a very successful year in raising money for the construction of the Education Center. We are on track with permits and we expect the delivery of the modular building to be on site by May/June. Randy Kunath and Eric Kunath have been hired as the general contractors and they will construct all of the finishing and modifications for the Center. This will be a multi-purpose building and will offer meeting opportunities to many local schools and clubs.

PR&T Coordinator Bradley went over the trail counter numbers for Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

Morse Park

The pickle ball courts are very popular with lots of activity. The newly refurbished courts are holding up well, with expected and minor freeze/thaw cracks.

Programs & Initiatives

Nothing to report

Input from Town Council Liaison

Councilman Proctor commented on the current proposals for lease of the former ABC Store building. The new proposal from Lake Lure Tours now includes only the use of the building the eight parking spaces associated with it. This proposal will not affect Pool Creek Park.

Other Comment

Mr. Walters thanked the board members for their hard work throughout the year. He expressed that he is looking forward to 2024.

Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m. Mr. Dittmer seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

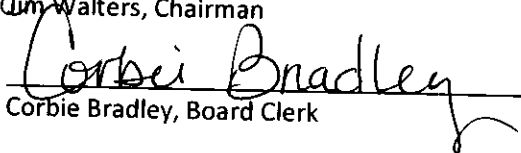
Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be January 4, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Office.

ATTEST:



Jim Walters, Chairman



Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk