



Lake Lure Parks & Recreation
Regular Board Meeting
July 2, 2026

Call to Order

Board Chairman Dan Bragdon called to order the July 2, 2026, regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Chair Dan Bragdon

Vice Chair Jennifer Vivolo

Ms. Kristen Steffel

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Board Members absent:

Mr. Cory Coile

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

Rick Carpenter, Development & Environmental Review Specialist

Laura Krejci, Communications Director

Suzy Ellis, Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Members of the Public Present:

Pat Buede, Memorial Highway

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The agenda for July 2, 2026, regular meeting was reviewed. **Ms. Vivolo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Czajkoski seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.**

The minutes for June 4, 2026, regular meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Czajkoski moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Steffel seconded the motion. All members were in favor.**

PRB Communications

Trails Coordinator Reports

Trail Conditions & Usage

In the absence of ROC Trails Manager Maddie Bartosh, Specialist Carpenter presented the trails report. He noted that collaboration between the ROC Trails Manager, Town staff, and Town contractors continues to be effective in coordinating trail-related responsibilities and project efforts.

Maintenance Updates

Specialist Carpenter reported that all hiking trails within Buffalo Creek Park are now open. The Weed Patch to Eagle Rock Trail is open, and the extension to Gray Rock is expected to open soon. Development of the Turtle Rock Trail is ongoing. Specialist Carpenter expressed the desire to establish a safe access route to the trail to eliminate the need for pedestrians to walk along the adjacent narrow roadway. He reported that berms on the trails that had been eroded by recent rains were being reestablished.

Volunteer Engagement

No report due to Maddie Bartosh's absence.

Upcoming Priorities

Specialist Carpenter noted the upcoming workdays for July.

Parks and Town Trails Monthly Report

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Suzy Ellis, Lake Lure Flower Bridge Liaison, provided an update on the design and construction of the replacement Rainbow Bridge. She reported that volunteer participation remains strong and that volunteer efforts continue to be highly effective. Ms. Ellis also inquired about fencing for the new playground and was advised that plans for the fencing are currently underway.

Town Events

Communications Director Laura Krejci reported on the success of a recent Tourism Development Authority (TDA) event, noting the strong community turnout.

She commented on the town's commitment to seeking out and providing up-to-date reports on the water quality. She keeps the most recent reports on the Town's website.

She noted the timelines for all of the marina and dock details.

She also provided highlights of upcoming events scheduled throughout the area and advised that a comprehensive, up-to-date calendar of events is available on the Town's website.

The Town's website now has a link to check the current lake level.

Input from Council Liaison

Commissioner Proctor was absent.

New Business

Old Business

Other Comments

Pat Buede, Memorial Highway asked about the accumulation of sand in area streams. She also commented on the extensive amount of kudzu in the area. Specialist Carpenter advised that any dredging or clean up requires permitting.

Adjournment

Mr. Czajkoski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. Ms. Vivolo 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 August 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at Town Hall at The Landings.

ATTEST:

Dan Bragdon, Chairman

Corbie Bradley, Town Clerk