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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

PREPARED FOR:

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Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>Not selected for PARTF funding</i>	2. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail scouted; permits filed; Plan approved by Parks and Rec. Board, legal opinion received; working on next steps</i>	3. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Updating Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan – <i>Working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay on updates</i>	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>	8. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	9. Seeking Grants for Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion – <i>Grant has been submitted</i>
10. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	11. Deep Water Launch – <i>Applying for permits</i>	12. Naming Rights – <i>Working to update policy</i>
13. Dredging Grant – <i>Finalizing budget</i>	14. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>	

PR&LD ACTIVITIES:

1. Oversee daily operations for Parks, Rec, & Lake
2. Attended multiple staff/public meetings
3. Attended multiple project meetings
4. Worked on multiple projects
 - Dredging
 - Cell Tower
 - Amphitheater
 - Boardwalk/Marina Ribbon Cutting
 - Island Creek Rd. silt disposal site
 - Deepwater Launch
 - Walkway pavers in front of beach
 - New seawall at gazebo
 - Hired new staff
 - Annual firearms qualifying
 - Mining permit updated
 - Chapel Point Rd. lake access easement

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Worked with PR&L intern on new potential activities/events (Paint in the Park, concerts/movies by water, etc.)
2. Worked on Lake Use Survey
3. Began training new PR&L employee, James Dennett
4. Added more information to the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department Standard Operating Procedures
5. Added to the PR&L Tools and Equipment Inventory Spreadsheet
6. Collaborated with Rutherford Outdoor Coalition on the Two for the Trails grant for potential funding for the Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion – grant has been submitted
7. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
8. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 6/15 to remove trees and clear overgrowth – 4 volunteers; 32 volunteer hours
9. Organized Dittmer-Watts workday on 6/16 to remove trees and clear overgrowth – 6 volunteers; 24 volunteer hours
10. A volunteer cleared overgrown brush from the Buffalo Creek Park Trail on 6/17 and 6/19 – 1 volunteer: 9 volunteer hours
11. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 6/22 to repair erosion – 5 volunteers; 20 volunteer hours
12. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 6/23 – 4 volunteers; 24 volunteer hours
13. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
14. Utilized volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 14 volunteer hours
15. Utilized a total of 84 volunteer hours
16. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
2. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
3. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with bleach

4. Repaired the fountain
5. Installed summer annuals around Lake Lure sign
6. Took down library banners and put up Olympiad and 4th of July banners

Lake Activities:

1. Buoy maintenance
2. Debris pickup

1. FOLLOW UP

1. Open Space Plan: Will continue working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay to update the Open Space Plan
2. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; legal opinion received; working on next steps
3. Boys Camp Road: Not selected for PARTF funding.
4. Dredging Grant: \$637,500 grant awarded, working to finalize budget
5. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for Naming Rights Policy for Town properties
6. Lake Lure Trails: Work days held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained

2. OTHER

1. Marina Slips Available: 0