



**Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director**

**DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake**

**REPORT DATE:**

**PREPARED FOR:**

July 28, 2021

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. Helped with 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration
5. Worked on multiple projects
  - Dredging
  - Cell Tower
  - Amphitheater
  - Island Creek Rd. silt disposal site
  - New seawall at gazebo
  - Walkway pavers in front of beach
  - Conducted interviews
  - Hired new staff
  - Chapel Point Rd. lake access easement
  - Deepwater Launch

### **PR&TC ACTIVITIES:**

1. Interviewed applicants for Maintenance Tech. II position - Chris Shields starts on 8/2
2. Identified cause of the fish kill in Rumbling Bald Resort
3. Helped clean up after 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration
4. Worked on Weed Patch Mountain Trail easement
5. Began learning the commercial licensing/permitting and boat slip rental process – I will take over these duties when Linda retires.
6. Added more information to the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department Standard Operating Procedures
7. Worked to complete the PR&L Tools and Equipment Inventory Spreadsheet
8. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
9. A volunteer walked Buffalo Creek Park and reported areas that needed attention on 7/5 – 1 volunteer: 4 volunteer hours
10. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 7/7 to remove fallen trees and clear overgrowth – 6 volunteers; 40 volunteer hours
11. Organized Dittmer-Watts workday on 7/13 to remove trees and clear overgrowth – 4 volunteers; 16 volunteer hours
12. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 7/20 to repair erosion – 5 volunteers; 20 volunteer hours
13. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
14. Utilized volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 12 volunteer hours
15. Utilized a total of 92 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. Put out extra trash cans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
5. Cleaned up after 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration

6. Took down Olympiad banners and put up Library 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