



City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners
Citizens' Forum Minutes
September 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm
City Hall

1. Call to Order - Mayor Pro Tem Tom Guzulaitis

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Guzulaitis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Attendance:

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Guzulaitis
Commissioner Teagan Hall
Commissioner Kim Sherwood
Commissioner David Mammay
City Manager Gordon Hargrove
City Clerk Nancy Sims
Mayor Jeff Winecoff - Excused

Motion to excuse Mayor Winecoff from attendance at this meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Sherwood
Seconded by: Commissioner Mammay

Motion Carried 4-0

3. Citizens' Forum Comments and Questions

46 people were in the audience.

Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis asked for a show of hands as to who was here about the spraying of the lakebeds. Several people raised their hands. **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** acknowledged that the spraying is not popular. He said the BOC has been working since their last meeting to find solutions to this. There is no perfect solution. We are trying to find a solution that is the least, worst option for everyone. I think I can speak for the BOC in saying we are not in favor of the spraying option. We just want to make you all aware of that.

Todd Ausborn, 948 North Shore Drive. He requested the BOC to consider contacting North Carolina Land and Water. Their primary function is restoration of lake beds and streambeds. They know a lot and may have options no one thought of. It could also lead to additional grants down the road.

Elizabeth Buzz Fuller, 865 Batton Road. She heard Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis say that no one on the BOC is in favor of spraying the lakebeds. She has one question though. Being not in favor is one thing, but she wants to hear it is not an option. **Commissioner Mammay** responded this is not a formal vote but none of us would vote yes. As the BOC sits here now we don't see it happening. There may be a different board in December, but we don't see it now.

Sharon Russell, 797 Toney Drive. She is here about the same thing so she doesn't need to speak now.

Joan Kinney, 793 South Shore Drive. Regarding Code Red, when we were told the area was in a dangerous tornado warning situation, we got a call an hour later after the all clear. Can that be checked? Also, the police station is a fantastic solution to the problem of the testing lab. They are very lucky we are not charging them rent. Also, who will be paying for the utilities? **Commissioner Mammay** replied we are working on that.

Fred GeBauer, 980 Holly Point Road. With regard to spraying, they make these huge trackers with 20 foot booms on them that spray very low to the ground so it shouldn't be a problem. Also drones have been flying around here a lot at night, anyone know what that is about? **Commissioner Sherwood** responded the dam engineer has drones but she was not sure if it was them. **Commissioner Mammay** added the City does some filming of the dam reconstruction to keep us up to date. The City recently passed an ordinance that you can't fly drones without permission.

Arvil Stephen, 970 Holly Point Road. Thanks for removing the spraying right now. Will it be back in December with a new board? Also, the bush hogging machine has been inactive; is there a problem? **Mr. Hargrove** replied not to my knowledge. There is regularly scheduled maintenance that needs to be done on the machine.

Nancy Tagliaffero, 300 Pine Lake Road. Thank you for taking spraying off the table. What is the chemical makeup of the chemicals? **Commissioner Sherwood** replied, all the information is attached to the September agenda. You can get that information online.

Darleen Portaluppi, 578 North Shore Drive. You said the BOC make up may change as of December. Will this information be passed on to the new members? **Commissioner Mammay** replied, yes both of the candidates who may be on the board are here tonight so they are aware. **Ms. Portaluppi** continued, if you do consider large scale spraying, you need to get insurance or a bond for spraying to cover costs in the future for property damage and such. Just wanted you to know that. **Commissioner Sherwood** responded we are not spraying.

George Willis, 448 Alton Lennon Drive. He is here about the chemicals and his mistrust of chemistry. He has a neighbor who is bedridden and very sensitive to chemicals who is frightened. Would they be willing to drink a shot glass of these chemicals themselves? **Commissioner Sherwood** reiterated we are not spraying.

Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis said, now that we have taken spraying off the table, if you want to speak about something else, come to the podium. That is it for the list that signed up.

Terry Boytzun, 549 Eagle Lane. Wanted to know who is advocating for the spraying. **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** replied the City has to find a vegetation management plan that works with what we are doing now. We are looking at all options, fire, goats or any number of other things. Last month the company was just there to present one of many options. No one was advocating for it, just saying here is an option.

Sharon Van Deren, 320 Pine Lake Road. Thanks for removing the detour and thank you for hearing us on the spraying. At the last forum there was discussion about keeping track of the dam reconstruction. Are we on the right tract? **Mr. Hargrove** indicated there has been a little hiccup the last couple of weeks. There was a discrepancy between the City's consulting engineer and the contractor regarding the control of water and the excavation site. But, I think we have worked that out in the last couple of days. This was at no fault to the City so the time delay will not be given back to them at the end of the 36 month period. This deviation will not impact the timeline. We did not plan for this type of deviation as that is the contractor's responsibility.

Justin Lovin, 980 Golfview. He said let it be known that I do not agree with spraying for future kids I may have.

Robert Dagnino, 285 Sycamore Road. In talking with some old timers, this is not the first time the dam has broken. He wanted to know what they did the last time with the vegetation. We can duplicate what they did last time. **Commissioner Mammay** responded we had some sink holes that had to be patched, but it wasn't the same time period to refill. It was not five years. **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** added it wasn't the same amount of time for the growth to take over. We still have a lot of different things and each has a related risk. There is no perfect solution.

Darleen Portaluppi, 578 North Shore Drive. We had two hurricanes here. With the first the lake was lowered 2 feet. The second time the lake was not lowered and the dam broke. In the future will there be an overseer for the dams? **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** replied the new dams will be built to the highest standard. This is a \$50 million dollar project. It is designed to move water.

Steve Culbreth, 1691 Navajo Road. You said you will not be voting on the spraying, it will be another board? **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** replied, no there is a municipal election this year so there may be one or two new members. So there may be different people on the board in December. **Commissioner Sherwood** added everyone who is running also is voting no to the spraying. **Mr. Culbreth** added, I am opposed on behalf of the entire ecosystem.

Chris Simpson, 10 Glenwood Drive. Who is going to keep the roads up? Everyone cuts the corner at Crystal and Drayton. Why not put stop signs at the curve; it is a dangerous curve. **Mr. Hargrove** replied that is already in the works to put more gravel down to excavate the corner at Pine. Ms. Simpson added it needs to be widened as it is a tight turn through there.

David Van Der Vossen, 110 North Shore Drive. Some of us have started chopping and mowing in the lakebed ourselves. Is that an issue? Nicole said unless there are large trees, no permit is required, but keep in mind it may be other people's property or the City's property.

Kathy Curtis 720 Colonial Road. When the detour was on Pine there were signs to slow down traffic, but they haven't done that on Crystal. We need to slow traffic down on Crystal. There is a bus stop on that road. **Mr. Hargrove** replied he has reviewed it with the police department already and Crystal is too curvy. The police department felt it was not safe. **Ms. Curtis** then said to have patrol cars come there to slow people down. Her second thing is the mowing of ditches. This is the time of year that butterflies and birds are migrating down the east coast. Ditches have wildflowers that butterflies need for food and the ditches are being mowed so no food. Why would we mow at this time of year; why not wait until November or December? **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** replied the reason behind that is stormwater control. Ms. Curtis said but wildflowers soak up water. **Commissioner Mammay** said the ditches were installed to drain water and we need the water to flow so there is no massive flooding. We are trying to protect people's property. **Ms. Curtis** said the ditch in front of my house was mowed and it is now just a hole.

Kerry Boytzun, 549 Eagle Lane. He suggested putting a bounty on all the trees in the lakebed like they do in Florida on snakes. Then people will go in and take down the trees for a bounty. **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** said the lakebed ground is limestone and then sand. If you go in and rip out all the vegetation there would be nothing to hold the sand in place. There are a lot of moving parts not seen with the naked eye. Also with the sinkholes, the sand can't hold heavy equipment. **Commissioner Mammay** said we are trying to use taxpayer's money as wisely as possible so we are weighing every option. If we go in and cut them down now, they will need to be cut again before three years. Same thing with roads. We don't want to waste money resurfacing roads and then have to do it again later. We are trying to be diligent with the way we are handling things.

In response to a question, **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** said the spraying will be on the October BOC agenda for more discussion.

Chris Simpson, 10 Glenwood Drive. She asked if Boiling Spring Road is a City road or State road. **Mayor Pro Tem Guzulaitis** replied State. There are two sections of it that are City roads. In front of Pine Lake and also North Lake, the rest is State.

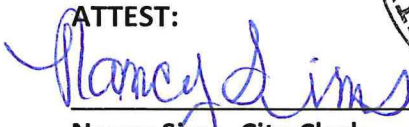
4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44

Moved by: Commissioner Sherwood

Seconded by: Commissioner Mammay

Motion Carried 4-0

ATTEST:

Nancy Sims, City Clerk




Jeff Winecoff, Mayor

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CITIZENS FORUM

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. <u>Todd Ausborn</u>	<u>948 N Shore dr.</u>
2. <u>ELIZABETH (Buz) Fuller</u>	<u>865 Bridge Rd.</u>
3. <u>SHARON RUSSELL</u>	<u>197 TONER DR.</u>
4. <u>JOAN KINNEY</u>	<u>793 S. Shore DR</u>
5. <u>FREA GEBAUER</u>	<u>950 HOLLY PT RD</u>
6. <u>Arvi Stephen</u>	<u>970 Holly Point Rd</u>
7. <u>Nancy Tagliaberto</u>	<u>300 Pine Lake Rd</u>
8. <u>Julie Portacuppi</u>	<u>578 N SHORE DR</u>
9. <u>George Willis</u>	<u>448 Alton Lennon Drive</u>
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