

Minutes for LRNC BOD meeting - 4/18/2018

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

- 1) Kurt - Welcome & Introduction
- 2) Kurt - No minutes from prior meeting to approve
- 3) Jeffrey - \$18992.30 in the bank  
\$350087.73 in total assets  
\$369080.04 Total
- 4) Jonathon - 4/20 10am – 2pm – Earth Day Clean-up  
4/28 10am -? – Dwight Johnson, Spring Flower Hike  
4/28 am & pm schedule – Home Schooling event  
5/5 – Native Plant Sale  
5/13 9am – Mother’s Day Bird Walk  
5/18-19 6pm to 9am – Spring Campout

6/15 – Start date for Pier maintenance – six week work period

Kay McConnell – Plant Sale is well covered for volunteers, Elise will send out the flyer and sign-up genius once more.

- 5) (a) Elise not present – Peter Lev spoke about the Latham Visit 9:30am -? – 5/14 – Serpentine walk through in the morning – lunch – afternoon meetings at Jeffrey’s office. DIC will be submitting 3-4 questions for Latham review.

Kurt listed attendees for walk through -

Roger Latham, Peter Lev, Elise Butler, Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Jim Flannery, Kay McConnell, Kimberly Warren, Dwight Johnson, Bill Hillgartner (sp?).

- (b) Jeffrey Budnitz - 703 Paw Point Memberships  
4/31 – Dog and Donuts and Paw Point Clean-up
- (c) Jeffrey Budnitz - Last storage container for storage yard delivered and graded in – all equipment weather protected and secure.  
4/17 – specimen tree planting project – total 18 trees planted – all trees on a watering maintenance schedule.  
All damage from 3/2/18 storm has been cleared from the trails. Ryan Higgins (Dr. Norths neighbor) has left over stone from a retaining wall. LRNC will source the stone for use in the park.  
Stone trash incinerator by old ranger’s station has been removed. 17 tons of stone removed.  
Memorial Bench Program is complete. Two fully funded benches are on order for July installation. Christine Corbitt and Nancy Horst are setting up a working group to implement a Memorial Tree Program. Will be a duplicate of the Memorial Bench Program. Will bring to the EC for

review.

(d) Gero not present – Jeffrey Budnitz – 4/15/18 latest event on the Dounut Run Series – 18 runners participated. Very well received. Next event the fall.

The Recreation Committee will be supporting the Upcoming Nature Quest Event and various canoe outings.

(e) Jeffrey Budnitz – 182 members – 44 membership increase over this time last year.

(f) Bill Jones not present – no resident's committee report

(g) Nancy Horst - passed around the most recent copy of the RRLRIA (?) newsletter. Many LR programs items on their calendar. Nancy met with Len Cox of the Towson Lifestyle Magazine – the publication will be listing LR programs in their announcements and perhaps do an article about the park for their fall issue.

6) Kurt – Website 97% complete – waiting on data from a couple of committees and the Guilford Garden Club.

Committee Calendar is up and running

Kurt has reached out to GGC for additional website content

Two awards posted honoring Peter Maloney -

Shining Star Award

Founding Member and Founding President Certificate

MRPA Award for LRNC website – best county website reaching 150K or more people. Jeffrey Budnitz and Paul Hartmann (web specialist) received the award from Chris Mervine at the awards ceremony.

7) Kurt – Nancy Horst wanted to know if there will ever be boats to rent on Lake Roland. Jonathon said not in the near future

Robert Macht what was entailed on the pier renovations. Jeffery, Chris Mervine and Jonathon explained what the process was going to be.

Bob Smith asked if he – a non-board member could ask some questions. Kurt gave him the floor. He stated that 3 Main issues came out of the CIM meeting about the Vanguard project. 1) Stormwater easement, 2) Potential Openspace fees coming to LR, 3) Impact of development in the Towson area and generally our area. Kurt interjected that these were all good questions but they should be directed to Dr. North and DIC for review. Bob Smith continued and wanted to know if communications were already taking place between the developer, county people and members of LRNC in respect to the issue of easement. Kurt explained that there have been no communications on this issue between the developer and LRNC. Smith asked if LRNC has seen the design for the easement plan. Kurt said no. Openspace issue – Smith said that the developer had made a comment at the CIM meeting that the Openspace fee had been determined and that the fee would be coming to Lake Roland in 2018/19. No one present at the LRNC meeting or the CIM meeting recalled the developer making that statement. Kurt said that the developer stated that there would be Openspace money and

that it might potentially come to LR. Peter Lev said that the developer stated that his preference was that the funds come to the park. Smith wanted to know had there been any board discussions about the money and did we know into which park programs the money would flow and how much would it be. Kurt explained that there had been no discussions. Jeffrey gave a little background on Program Openpace. Smith had two questions on potential Openspace funds. 1) Do we know when the legislation was passed that gave the decision of where the money would go to the council representative. Jeffrey explained that Openspace replaced "fee in lieu of" maybe 3 years ago. It is now an automatic formula where as it used to be a negotiated political process. 2) Do you know how much or how the fee is calculated. Jeffrey – go to the county website and you can calculate it there- it is based on the open space in the project. #2 – Bob Smith wanted to know about the fecal coliform contaminations in the LR. It was explained that there had only been 2 closures in the last year and that it was in fact the LRNC that has instituted the testing program at LR. Smith wanted to know if the council was going to have a forum to address development around the park or was he to just ask Jeffrey Budnitz? Jeffrey suggested he go to the DIC as it was their mission to research these very questions. Robert Macht – speaking to Fecal Coliform – he was on the health department website and found that it has listed 9 instance of over safe limits – 5 of these instances were over the measurable limit. Jeffrey suggested that in large part it was due to failed septic systems. Bob Smith wanted to know if we had any data to back up that concept. Jeffrey suggested he go look for the data on the "Upper Jones Falls Swaps" on the internet.

Kurt made a motion to end the meeting and it was seconded.