

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM  
Jefferson Building, Room 104  
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD**

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Larry Zeafla called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. There was not a quorum at the start of the meeting.

**June Meeting Minutes:** The June 15, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Zeafla, filling in for Jeffrey Budnitz, reported the following:

- Cash position: \$119,448.13
  - General funds: \$67,385.11
  - Reserved funds: \$52,063.02 (for Education Building)
- Hard Assets: \$183,731.08
- Total Assets: \$303,179.21

**Rec & Parks Staff Report:** Jonathan Wood reported the following:

- Storm update
  - Clean-up due to the storm
  - Power outage on Monday
  - Canoe trip was held as planned
  - Dog Park remained open
- Upcoming events
  - Canoe Trip – 9/25
  - Canoe & Kayak Race – 9/24
  - Trains & Tracks Adventure – 9/4
  - Drop-in Historical Program – 9/10 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - Native Plant Sale – 9/17
  - Walk in the park day – 9/17

**Design Framework Committee (Environmental & Master Plan):** Elise Butler reported the following:

- Fall Native Plant Sale is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> and will offer fall planting material. Elise passed around the bulletins for the sale.
- Consultants Lecture is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM to be held at the new Education Center. Larry Weaner and Janna Webster are to be the speakers. Elise requested volunteers for the event and will send out an email request.

Kay McConnell reported that she had a conversation with Rebecca Kagle. Larry Weaner, Rebecca Kagle and Carol Franklin met to change the proposal to a design concept for the education center. The objective is to create an educational experience to understand the floodplain.

Elise Butler reported that the RRLRAIA Annual meeting is being held at the Education Center on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Jonathan Kay, author of "The Woods in Your Back Yard".

**Paw Point Committee:**

- Kurt Davis stated that the clover germinated in 3 days.
- Beth Hoker provided the following update in advance of the meeting:
  - To date 929 tags have been issued.
  - We fenced off an area and planted a mixture of grass and clover Father's Day 6/19. With Kurt setting up the new watering system each night, we saw growth in 3 days. Jeff has mowed several times with a zero turn mower borrowed from the ag center. The fencing will probably be removed next month.
  - A contractor removed a dead tree and trimmed some limbs from a nearby tree. The contractor left debris which was later cleared by volunteers.
  - Jeff added an additional hose closer to the water to allow for clean-up of the lower area.
  - 4 boys entered Paw Point by sending a smaller one through the poop shoot hole at the trash can. Jeff came up with the ingenious idea of placing chains across the opening.
  - Jeff fixed the locking mechanism on the gate several times. He will probably need to remove the gate for a permanent repair sometime this winter.
  - We had another cleanup mid-July. Ranger Jeff trimmed the entire park, surface areas were cleaned and blown and holes were filled.

**Trails Committee:** Jonathan Wood reported that some trees were down as a result of the storm.

**Recreation Committee:** No report

**Membership Committee:** No report

**Residents Committee:** No report

**Outreach Committee:** Nancy Horst reported that Kurt Davis wrote an article on Art on the Trail for the RRLRAIA Newsletter.

**Education Building:** Elise Butler reported that the education center was nearly complete and that it would be ready to host upcoming events in late September.

**Nominating Committee:** Larry Zeafla reported that Beth Hoker has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. All standing committee chairs need to nominate a committee member to serve on the Nominating Committee.

President Larry Zeafla adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

In attendance:

Peter Bieneman

Elise Butler

Steve Christianson

Kurt Davis

Nancy Horst

Robert Horst

Dwight Johnson

Roger McMacken

Larry Zeafla

Jim Flannery

Jonathan Wood

Kay McConnell

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