

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 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 6:36 PM. Larry welcomed members and guests to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

**May Meeting Minutes:** The May 18, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- Cash position: \$113,547.46
  - General funds: \$64,984.44
  - Reserved funds: \$48,563.02(for Education Building)
- Hard Assets: \$183,731.08
- Total Assets: \$297,278.54

**Rec & Parks Staff Report:** Ranger Shannon Davis reported the following:

- The second Master Naturalist class graduated this Saturday
- Campout will be held the weekend after next
- Summer Camp starts in a couple of weeks.

**Design Framework Committee (Environmental & Master Plan):** Kay McConnell showed the Garden Revolution book by Larry Weaner. Kay stated that she went to Philadelphia and met with Carol Franklin and toured some of Carol's projects including the Morris Arboretum. Kay also said that Carol Franklin worked on the paths and entrance to the Wissahickon.

Elise Butler reported the following:

- The Design Framework committee team is meeting next Thursday to put together a letter to the consultants responding to their questions.
- The consultant lecture will be schedule for this fall
- The date for the Spring Plant Sale needs to be set

Elise thanked the Guilford Garden Club, Kay McConnell and Kimberly Warren for their effort moving forward on these events.

**Paw Point Committee:** Beth Hoker reported:

- There are currently 808 dog members of Paw Point
- Seeding & clean-up took place on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The area was aerated, raked and seeded.
- The new sprinkler system was also set up.

**Trails Committee:** Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- Work on the trails has been on hold due to the weather

- The equipment has been moved to the maintenance area

**Recreation Committee:**

- New Projects:
  - Running: Merritt Pridgeon reported that the Recreation Committee met to discuss holding a foot race at the park but that it may not be possible. Merritt also said they would like to consider a trail running club and possible partnering with a retail establishment. Merritt is concerned with making sure there are no running paths through sensitive areas. Susan King-Byrne mentioned the Roland Park Running Club. Jeffrey Budnitz stated that the running club could assist with trail maintenance.
  - Canoeing: Larry Zeafla stated that Howdy Knipp has been suggesting a canoe race at the lake. Larry stated that we have inherited several canoes from Oregon Ridge Park which will require maintenance and repairs. Larry stated that the canoe outing on Sunday was fully booked.

**Membership Committee:** Jeffrey Budnitz reported that he and Merritt Pridgeon are meeting next week to review the mail chimp program.

**Outreach Committee:** Nancy Horst reported that the deadline for the RRLRAIA newsletter is the end of this week. She intends to submit articles on Art in the Park and on Jeffrey Budnitz’s recreation volunteer of the year award.

**Education Building Update:** Elise Butler reported that the project is progressing. Jeffrey Budnitz gave an update on the construction progress and stated the project is 80% complete.

**New Business:**

- Sewer Line: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that the county is trenching for the new sewer line to the Ranger Station.
- Nature Book Club: Merritt Pridgeon wanted to put in a plug for the Nature Book Club. Seven to fifteen people attend the meetings and the next meeting is to be on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

President Larry Zeafla adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

In attendance:

Peter Bieneman  
 Jeffrey Budnitz  
 Elise Butler  
 Kurt Davis  
 Jim Flannery  
 Beth Hoker  
 Nancy Horst  
 Robert Horst

Dwight Johnson  
 Susan King-Byrne  
 Peter Lev  
 Roger McMacken  
 Merritt Pridgeon  
 Lydia Redding  
 Larry Zeafla  
 Shannon Davis  
 Marc Klein

Kay McConnell  
 Kimberly Warren

Minutes prepared by  
 Jim Flannery