

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM
Jefferson Building, Room 104
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD**

Welcome and Introductions: Larry Zeafla called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Larry welcomed members and guests to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

January Meeting Minutes: The February 17, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeffrey Budnitz reported:

- Cash position: \$102,149.86
 - General funds: \$57,871.84
 - Reserved funds: \$44,278.02 (for Education Building)
- Hard Assets: \$102,149.86
- Total Assets: \$280,746.84

Rec & Parks Staff Report: Beahtha Davis introduced herself to the Board and stated that Lake Roland has been moved back to the recreation services group. Kris Mervine is the coordinator for Region 2 and is located at 300 Lennox Avenue in Towson.

Ranger Shannon Davis reported the following:

- Education Building is going up and there is a lot of progress.
- Parking lot is being repaired.
- Egg hunt is scheduled for this weekend.
- Natural egg dye is on Sunday.
- Spring Break camp will be the week after Easter (starts 3/28/16).
- Baltimore County Public School is coming out to do a habitat with a large group of students.
- Schedule is going well for the Master Naturalists
- An Eagle Scout finished the trail down to the fire ring.

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

- Did not have an Environmental & Historic Preservation Meeting in March.
- Elise thanked the Executive Committee for input on the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Guilford Garden Club.
- Elise gave an overview of the MOU.

- Elise reported that the MOU has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and has been submitted to the Guilford Garden Club (“GGC”). The GGC have not yet reviewed the revised MOU and responded with comments.
- Elise said the ball is in the GGC’s court to respond to the MOU.
- Elise said she and Jim Flannery have offered to meet with the GGC.

Native Plant Sale: Elise Butler reported that this year’s sale will be held on April 30th and the rain date will be May 1st. Jeffrey Budnitz raised concerns about the location of the sale due to the construction area for the Education Building. Elise suggested a side conversation to decide where to set up the sale.

Paw Point Committee: Beth Hoker reported that they have sent out 579 dog tags this year. Jeffrey Budnitz reported that they used the skid loader and spread out two loads of Mulch at the dog park.

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- They had a phenomenal outing over the weekend.
- Salvaged the piling waste and brought it to the main compound to stack and sort.
- Howdy Knipp inspected the trails and Jeffrey said there are areas that require repair.

Membership Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that all is going well.

Residents Committee: Rick North reported that the committee is looking forward to the April meeting and the native plant sale.

Outreach Committee: Nancy Horst reported that the Roland Park article has come out. Nancy requested subject matter for articles.

Old Business:

Education Center: Elise Butler reported that she and Bill Jones will be going to Annapolis to thank the Delegates and Senators for their support of the bond. She said they will photograph the fundraising sign and construction progress to take with them. Elise said we need to reconvene the fundraising group to discuss some donor events.

Jeffrey Budnitz reported that the Board of Public Works approved on Wednesday, March 9th the Project Open Space Funds of \$53,000 for the Education Building.

Jeffrey also reported the following construction progress:

- Pilings have been capped.
- 70% of the p-lam beams are in place.
- Water interconnect is being repaired.

Ultimate Water Sports: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that Chris McCollum has provided to Hal Ashman at Ultimate Water Sports the redlined comments to the Agreement. Elise Butler explained the Ultimate Water Sports proposal is for a strategic alliance for kayak and SUP boards.

New Business:

Music Festival: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that Rob Horst came up with the idea to hold a fundraising event at the park. Elise Butler stated that they have met with the Baltimore Music Production Company who are producers and coordinators for music events. Jeffrey said they did a site inspection with Mark Kline and discussed the logistics for the event.

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

In attendance:

Peter Bieneman
Jeffrey Budnitz
Elise Butler
Susan King-Byrne
Beahta Davis
Kurt Davis
Shannon Davis
Jim Flannery
Beth Hoker
Nancy Horst
Dwight Johnson
Bill Jones
Rick North
Lydia Redding
Jeff Rodman
Larry Zeafla
Marc Klein

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