

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 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.

April Meeting Minutes: The April 20, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- Cash position: \$112,822.11
 - General funds: \$64,509.09
 - Reserved funds: \$48,313.02(for Education Building)
- Hard Assets: \$178,596.98
- Total Assets: \$291,419.09
- All bills are paid to date
- All income is in except for 50 Paw Point Applications

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

- Parking lots are full by 10:00 AM
- Upcoming events:
 - 5/28/16 – Canoeing and Master Naturalists (1:00 to 4:00 PM)
- Six canoe tours are scheduled throughout the summer
- Serpentine hike scheduled for June 18th.
- Summer Camps start in July
- Nature Scout & Nature Princesses Programs have started

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

- There was no Environmental and Historic Preservation Committee meeting in May
- The need for a Master Plan brought in a group of consultants for Landscape design and trail use
- The proceeds from the Plant Sale will go towards the consultant fees
- The Master Plan has evolved into the Design Framework
- The Design Framework kick-off will be in Mid-September with a lecture by one of the consultant's and the landscape plan for the Education Building will be unveiled

The Third Annual Native Plant Sale was held on April 30th in conjunction with the Guilford Garden Club. Kay McConnell of the Guilford Garden Club said they were very excited how the plant sale went and reviewed the following activity leading up to the sale:

- Pre-sale – trips to the nursery
- Promotion – updating signage
- Made adjustments due to the construction site and activities
- Truck and Trailer arrangements
- Plant delivery
- Sale day activities

Kay reported that the gross proceeds were not as high as last year and provided the following update:

- Gross Sales \$9,841.00
- After sales tax \$9,283.99
- Cost of Plants \$4,492.02
- Net Proceeds \$4,789.94 of which \$2,000 goes to the Guilford Garden Club scholarship fund

Kay presented a check to Jeffrey Budnitz for the Design Framework and Elise Butler thanked Kay and the McConnell family for all they do for the park. Elise stated that the Memorandum of Understanding has been posted on the LRNC website.

Education Building Update: Elise Butler gave the following update on the Education Building:

- Construction is progressing very quickly now
- Several days were lost due to the weather
- The finishes selection changes have also caused a delay
- The contractor has been terrific

Paw Point Committee: Beth Hoker reported:

- The water fountain was fixed by Jeffrey Budnitz and Jonathan Wood at the beginning of April
- Dogs & Donuts Social went well
- Jeffrey has put in new soil bins for filling holes
- Signs have been posted stating that visitors need to leave 15 minutes before closing and the dogs need to be leashed outside of the dog park
- There are 768 dog members

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- The committee have been doing a variety of sign package installations
- They have replaced all signs but the Woodbrook rules sign
- The bronze plaque is being recast

Membership Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

Residents Committee: Rick North stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

Outreach Committee: Nancy Horst reported that:

- The Education Center will go in the RRLRAIA fall newsletter
- The next RRLRAIA newsletter goes out at the end of August
- Nancy asked for story ideas for the RRLRAIA newsletter

New Business:

Rockland Plant Site: Nancy Horst asked about the work going on at the old Rockland Plant site and Jeffrey Budnitz said that Trout's Unlimited is taking out the concrete stream channels to create a natural stream. Nancy said the County and MTA had promised a Rails to Trails project is 1995. Jeffrey mentioned the East Coast Greenway.

President Larry Zeafla adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.

In attendance:

Peter Bieneman
Jeffrey Budnitz
Elise Butler
Steve Christianson
Jim Flannery
Beth Hoker
Nancy Horst
Robert Horst
Henry Horst
Dwight Johnson
Bill Jones
Peter Lev
Roger McMacken
Rick & Tatiana North
Lydia Redding
Jeff Rodman
Larry Zeafla
Marc Klein
Kay McConnell

Minutes prepared by
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