

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM
Lake Roland Nature Center**

Welcome and Introductions: Larry Zeafla called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

August Meeting Minutes: The October 19, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- Cash position: \$110,998.98
 - General funds: \$58,628.74
 - Reserved funds: \$52,370.24 (for Education Building)
- Hard Assets: \$201,055.45
- Total Assets: \$316,254.43
- Liability with Baltimore County: \$340,000
- Net Asset Value: (\$23,745.57)
- Paw Point fees to be processed: \$4,200.00
- All outstanding bills have been paid

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

- 700 visitors to the park each weekend
- There was auto break-in in the parking lot today in broad daylight
- They have received several calls about injured deer

Trail Running Series: Merritt Pridgeon reported that she would like for us to sponsor a Donut Trail Running Series. There would be three parts with each limited to 30 runners, ages 7+. It would be a casual run with no timer.

- First Run: January 15th, 2017 at 9:00 AM. Start at the Nature Center.
- The April run will take the blue trail.

Susan King-Byrne reported that the cost would be \$70 per runner with a donut social after the run.

Nominating Committee: Beth Hoker reported that there are two candidates for the Board of Directors:

- Marc Klein
- Christine Corbitt

Design Framework Committee (Environmental & Master Plan): Kay McConnell gave an update on the consultant site visit on November 14th. It started with a meeting which ran from 9:00 am to 10:30 am and there was a great discussion. The group walked the site of the proposed landscape area and lunch was at Kay's home. After lunch, they went to the L'Hirondelle Meadow and then wrapped up the day at 3:00 pm. The consultants will put together a timeline and have it to us early next week.

Peter Lev said that the one acre parcel and the discussion evolved into more of a trail area rather than a rectangular parcel. Kay said the area in front of the building was also discussed.

Paw Point Committee: Beth Hoker reported the following:

- They want to form a tree committee in early February
- The Halloween event was on October 31st.
- A second walk-up registration was on Sunday

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported:

- Several members helped at 7:00 AM Saturday to install Helga's bench
- A tree on the red trail is to be taken down
- Working on tuning up the chipper and it will be ready for January
- Staff requested a towable blower for keeping the walkways clear. The Executive Committee and Board have approved this purchase.

Jeffrey stated that the tires on his Gator vehicle requires new tires and a tune-up and requested that the Council pay the cost of \$1,000 due to the extensive use of the Gator for work projects at the park. The Board approved this expenditure.

Recreation Committee: No report

Membership Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that the membership mailing will be going out soon.

Outreach Committee: Nancy Horst showed the RRRLAIA Newsletter with the Nature Center article on the front cover.

Annual Meeting: Larry Zeafla reported that the notice for the Annual Meeting will be going out and the meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of December (December 14th) at 6:30 PM. A representative of DNR will be the guest speaker.

New Business

Park Improvements: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that the contractor for the fishing pier improvements is doing a great job on the deck restoration and steps. The upper parking lot has been cleaned, paved and striped.

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

In attendance:

Peter Bieneman
Jeffrey Budnitz
Kurt Davis
Beth Hoker
Nancy Horst
Dwight Johnson

Bill Jones
Susan King Byrne
Peter Lev
Roger McMacken
Rick North
Merritt Pridgeon

Lydia Redding
Larry Zeafla
Jim Flannery
Shannon Davis
Kay McConnell

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