

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM  
Lake Roland Nature Center**

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Larry Zeafla called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**August Meeting Minutes:** The August 17, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

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

- Cash position: \$114,841.73
  - General funds: \$62,471.73
  - Reserved funds: \$52,370.00 (for Education Building)
- Hard Assets: \$198,827.00
- Total Assets: \$313,668.73
- Liability with Baltimore County: \$340,000
- Net Asset Value: (\$26,331.27)

Jeffrey Budnitz also reported:

- Bronze plaque at the stone pavilion has been replaced
- Rebranding costs incurred: \$13,536.40
- Capital Projects:
  - Woodbrook gate has been re-installed
  - Stone bridge (at the top of the old parking lot) restoration scheduled for some time in November
  - Old parking lot has been scraped
  - Fishing pier deck is being removed and will be repoured and the steps replaced

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

- Nature Quest Fest was held last weekend. It was moved to a Sunday at the request of the Jewish community.
- The Zombie Scavenger Hunt and Halloween Hike are scheduled for this weekend. Volunteer position slots are open.
- The stuffed animals are being moved over to the Nature Center
- Betsy is the new Park Ranger 1
- Art on the Trail selections have been made and will be in place by 12/2/16. Meet the artists is schedule for December 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the pavilion
- There is an article on the Park in this week's Towson Times.

**Background Checks:** Larry Zeafla reported that the comprehensiveness of the background check is being increased.

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

- Fall Native Plant Sale
  - The Fall Native Plant Sale held September 17<sup>th</sup> was in partnership with the Guilford Garden Club.
  - *Kay McConnell stated there were a lot of volunteers and it was a real team effort.*

- 391 plants were sold and the net proceeds of \$1,823.44 was turned into the Treasure
- Elise thanked Kay McConnell and the McConnell family for their effort on making this plant sale possible
- Consultant Lecture:
  - First official event held at the Nature Center.
  - Jenna Webster and Larry Weaner were the speakers and the event was well attended and a success
- Consultant Study, Phase I:
  - Received proposal from Larry Weaner and Associates
  - Identified study area around the Nature Center
  - The proposal is for \$10,800 for the study to be done in 3 Phases
  - Phase I will cost \$4,800
  - *Kay McConnell stated that \$4,613 was generated by the native plant sales and the Consultant lecture*
  - Larry Weaner & Associates has agreed to work on a pay/go arrangement
  - Consultant team consisting of Larry Weaner, Carol Franklin and Jenna Webster will be on site 11/15/16
  - Work product for Phase I of the study will be concept plans and visual materials
  - The study area is envisioned to be a living classroom
  - Jeffrey Budnitz asked how the consultant's study turns into a guideline framework for future improvement and landscaping.
- Friends School Landscape Tour:
  - Environmental Committee went to Friends School to tour the native plant landscaping championed by the Guilford Garden Club
  - Elise mentioned that the October issue of Style Magazine featured a story on the Friends School landscape project.

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

- Things have slowed down
- 987 dog members
- The committee did a big clean-up on 9/25/16
- Jeffrey Budnitz and Kurt Davis aerated the grass and clover
- Tree committee meeting was held on 10/4/16 to discuss new trees

**Trails Committee:** Jeffrey Budnitz reported that he and Chris McCollum have looked at a pickup truck with a dump body. Jeffrey also reported that he has picked up an equipment trailer from Baltimore County surplus equipment.

**Recreation Committee:** No report

**Membership Committee:** No report

**Residents Committee:** Rick North reported that the committee met last month concerning a newly found trail used by residents.

**Outreach Committee:** Nancy Horst that there is nothing new to report. The Nature Center opening will be submitted to the RRLRAIA. Nancy suggested that signs are needed for the Art on the Trail exhibits. It was suggested that a QC scan be considered.

**Nature Center/Education Building:** Elise Butler reported the following:

- Ribbon cutting:
  - scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM
  - the County Executive will be attending
  - a Sunpapers article is expected
  - need volunteers to act as ambassadors to visitors
  - Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital kids will be attending the ribbon cutting
  - *Dwight Johnson suggested name tags for board members*

**Nominating Committee:** Beth Hoker reported that she received two recommendations for new board members.

**Annual Meeting:** Larry Zeafla reported that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for the November Board Meeting. Shannon Davis has arranged for someone to give a talk on bats. Larry said it will be a short meeting.

### **New Business**

**Finance Committee:** Peter Lev stated that he and Beth Hoker did the annual audit this year. He suggested that the books should be looked at every three months. Peter mentioned the need for a finance committee and suggested it include someone who is familiar with the accounting program. Jeffrey Budnitz as Treasurer would be chairman of the Finance Committee.

President Larry Zeafla adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

#### In attendance:

Peter Bieneman  
Jeffrey Budnitz  
Elise Butler  
Kurt Davis  
Beth Hoker  
Nancy Horst  
Robert Horst  
Dwight Johnson  
Bill Jones  
Susan King Byrne

Peter Lev  
Roger McMacken  
Rick North  
Lydia Redding  
Larry Zeafla  
Jim Flannery  
Shannon Davis  
Kay McConnell  
Kimberly Warren

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