

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Lake Roland Nature Center**

Welcome and Introductions: Larry Zeafla called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

August Meeting Minutes: The November 16, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved as amended (revised copy attached).

Treasurer's Report: Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- Cash position: \$19,893.45
 - General funds: \$12,081.14
 - Reserved funds: \$7,812.31 (for Education Building)
- Hard Assets: \$214,691.49
- Total Assets: \$234,584.94
- Liability with Baltimore County: \$240,000
- Net Asset Value: (\$5,415.06)
- Paw Point fees to be processed: \$3,500 (100 applications)

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

- The Bird Extravaganza is coming up on the same weekend as the Great Backyard Bird Count
- Scout tree planting project is coming up in the spring
- The volunteer/Master Naturalists pot luck dinner will be next Sunday at 5:30 PM at the Nature Center.

Design Framework Committee (Environmental & Master Plan):

Consultants Plan – Elise Butler reported that the committee had a 2½ hour video conference with the consultant team today that went very well. Kay McConnell said that several members of the Guilford Garden Club attended including Nettie Washburn, its current president. Elise said the consultants are to send us a series of questions. The project area has grown to 5 acres.

Serpentine – Elise Butler reported that she is working with a student from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute who is putting together a team of students to work the serpentine area on February 25th and 26th. The scope of work will be the removal of the Virginia pines from the serpentine area and the miscanthus.

Paw Point Committee: Beth Hoker reported they have received 383 new and renewal applications to date.

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported:

- He will be going to pick up the sides for the trailer
- Marc Klein measured for the replacement wood for the bridge on the trail.

Trail Running Series: Merritt Pridgeon reported that the first run was canceled due to the weather. The next two runs are scheduled for April 9, 2017 and October 15, 2017.

Recreation Committee: No report

Membership Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that 249 letters and renewal applications have been mailed.

Outreach Committee: No report

Old Business

Fundraising: Elise Butler reported that a brokerage account has been set up with Morgan Stanley so that the council can accept donations in the form of stock. In addition to fundraising for the balance of the cost of the Nature Center, additional fundraising is to be done for the Consultants Study and to bring Roger Latham onboard for the Serpentine Project

New Business

Website Update: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that there is a meeting with Paul Hartman at the offices of Lake Falls Financial to review the updates and additions to the LRNC website.

Finance Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported that the first Finance Committee Meeting will be held on January 26, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

President Larry Zeafla adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

In attendance:

Jeffrey Budnitz
Elise Butler
Beth Hoker
Dwight Johnson
Bill Jones
Susan King Byrne

Marc Klein
Roger McMacken
Rick North
Merritt Pridgeon
Lydia Redding
Larry Zeafla

Jim Flannery
Shannon Davis
Kay McConnell
Kimberly Warren

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