

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
Lake Roland Nature Center**

Board Members Present: Kurt Davis, Elise Butler, Jeffrey Budnitz, Jim Flannery, Marc Klein, Rick North, Dwight Johnson, Gero Verheyen, Peter Lev

Other Attendees: Ranger Jonathan Wood, Kimberly Warren

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the March 2019 Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Current Assets Checking/Saving	59,068.03
Fixed Assets	374,554.63
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$433,632.66</b>

Current Liabilities	149,484.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$149,484.00</b>

Equity	\$281,148.66
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**Rec. and Parks Staff Report:** Ranger J. Wood reported that volunteers did maintenance work on the Purple Trail. In response to Rock North's question, J. Wood said bikes are allowed on the Purple Trail.

There were some problems with the Easter Egg hunt. 4 staff were present but only one volunteer. Many people arrived early and were upset because the program did not start exactly on time.

The Towson Big Event—volunteers from Towson University—went well.

Attendance at the park is up.

Fish were stocked at the end of March and will be stocked again in April.

**Environmental and Historic Preservation Committee:** E. Butler reported on a meeting between LRNC and Guilford Garden Club leadership on April 9. Both design frameworks were discussed. Questions about wetlands issues behind the Nature Center will go to Larry Weaner and Associates (LWA).

Roger Latham and his team were at Bare Hills Barrens (BHB) on Thursday 4/11. Elise Butler, Kimberly Warren and Kay McConnell stopped by at the end of Roger's site visit and took photos and videos.

Jacques from Century Engineering spent several hours on Saturday 4/13 putting down wooden stakes to mark the center of the Nature Trail as proposed in LWA's Concept Plan. This was pro

bono work—we appreciate it very much. E. Butler, K. Davis, and K. McConnell have volunteered to drive in metal markers to replace the wooden ones.

P. Lev met with Jim Young and Joe McSharry of the Natural History Society of Maryland (NHSM) at BHB to talk about an insect study for Roger Latham's BHB plan. Jim Young is an entomologist at the Smithsonian in DC and volunteer curator for entomology at NHSM. Joe McSharry is Chairman of the Board at NHSM. Jim, Joe and Peter agreed on two locations for the insect study: 1. the restored meadow and 2. the meadow openings near the west end of the Orange Trail. Primary focus will be Lepidoptera—butterflies and moths. 10 night visits and at least 5 day visits are planned between May and September 2019.

P. Lev reported that Lindsay Jacks of Lights Out Baltimore thought a small structure near Acorn Hill, once used to house portapots, could be the basis for a raptor enclosure. She suggested park staff or LRNC contact Kathy Woods of Phoenix Wildlife Center with details on what species of raptor we would prefer, and when we might be ready.

**Trails Committee:** J. Budnitz said many projects are planned for spring and summer. Equipment maintenance needed to prepare is going on now.

**Recreation Committee:** Gero Verheyen reported the donut run held April 7 was a success. Lake Cleanup on April 27 will involve volunteers in canoes, and others on foot. Canoe season starts May 5 and will go on through the summer. Some sessions will focus on fishing from canoes.

**Membership Committee:** J. Budnitz said we have 192 members.

**Residents Committee:** No report.

**Old Business:** The date for the Spring Native Plant Sale is May 4. Kimberly Warren said that many volunteers had signed up, but help was needed on the earliest shift, 7:30 to 10 am. Two Board members volunteered for that shift.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev.