

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Lake Roland Nature Center**

Welcome and Introductions: Kurt Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Kurt Davis reported that the Lake Roland Nature Center construction project won a Merritt Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors Association.

February 2017 Meeting Minutes: The February 15, 2017 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- Cash position: \$36,585.71
- Hard Assets: \$229,991.63
- Total Assets: \$266,577.34
- Liability with Baltimore County: \$240,000
- Net Asset Value: \$26,577.34

Design Framework Committee (Environmental & Master Plan):

Native Plant Sale – Kay McConnell reported that the native plant sale is on track for getting volunteers and could use more volunteers. The plant sale is May 13th. Funds are being collected for the Consultant Study.

Serpentine Restoration Program – Dwight Johnson gave an update on the serpentine mowing that took place last month trying to control the greenbrier. Robert Macht stated that the open area is very inviting for people to let their dogs run off leash.

Paw Point Committee: Kurt Davis reported that the Paw Point membership is currently 719.

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported:

- The Trail Committee had a good outing making trail repairs
- Removed a dead tree at Paw Point
- Currently working on storm damage
- Historic bridge on pink trail is being restored and 2,500 pounds of cap stones have been pulled from the stream bed
- Cast iron staples for the bridge structure are being reproduced by a blacksmith.

Recreation Committee: Gero Verheyen reported:

- Had a very successful running of the donut run on April 9th and the next run will be on October 15th.
- Project clean stream will be on April 29th
- Fishing event will be on April 30th.

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

- Easter egg hunt went well and they had over 100 people
- Miscanthus flyers were distributed to the neighboring businesses
- 1,025 pounds of miscanthus have been removed

Membership Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz reported the current membership is 145.

Residents Committee: No report

Outreach Committee: Nancy Horst reported that the LRNC was mentioned in three recent articles:

1. Baltimore Magazine mention
2. Baltimore Sun – Master Naturalist article
3. RRLRAIA Newsletter – Ranger profile, Native Plant sale and Towson Run Sewer (sent out to 30 communities)

Old Business

Committee Handbooks – Kurt Davis gave an update on efforts to put together a Committee Guide Book for the Nature Council.

Other:

Village of Lake Roland – Robert Macht updated everyone on his meetings with the developer of the Village of Lake Roland project, Len Weinberg, and Councilperson Vicki Almond.

President Kurt Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

In attendance:

Jeffrey Budnitz
Christine Corbitt
Kurt Davis
Nancy Horst
Dwight Johnson
Bill Jones
Susan King-Byrne
Marc Klein
Roger McMacken
Merritt Pridgeon
Lydia Redding
Gero Verheyen
Jim Flannery

Shannon Davis
Kay McConnell
Kimberly Warren
Robert Macht
Mark Behrens
Tina Proveaux
Ellen Smith
Bob Smith
Susan Waldman
Val Eisman
Rosemary Gold
Allan Gold

Minutes prepared by
Jim Flannery