

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Lake Roland Nature Center**

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

Other Attendees: Ranger Jonathan Wood, Kimberly Warren, Kay McConnell, Bob Smith

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 2019 Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Assets Checking/Saving

Fixed Assets

TOTAL ASSETS	\$439,235.55
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Current Liabilities	149,484.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$149,484.00
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Equity	\$289, 751.55
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TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	\$439,235.55
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Rec. and Parks Staff Report: Ranger J. Wood reported that a Fairies and Dragons program and a Fishing Frenzy program (fishing for children) were both very successful. He asked for help on the upcoming Great American Campout (June 21). Two staff members were sent to the American Canoe Association for certification (Kyle) or recertification (Jonathan). There was a one-day nature training session for summer camp staff.

A park neighbor has donated bottles and pottery fragments found near the Purple and Green Trails. Another neighbor has donated a photograph of an old engraving of the Swan Lake Aqueduct in 1862 (current site of Lake Roland).

The park is still understaffed, a particular problem in summer because of longer park hours. Jonathan hopes to begin interviewing by July 1 for a Park Ranger 1 and a Naturalist (20 hrs./wk).

Upcoming events: Canoe trip on July 6. Volunteers needed for Federation of the Blind event, Pavilion 2 on Sept. 21. Volunteers also needed for Nature Quest festival, Oct. 20, 12-2 pm.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Committee: Kay McConnell announced financial details of the May 4 Native Plant Sale. Gross income \$11, 368, net income \$5,685.80. The net income was split between Guilford Garden Club and LRNC. After subtracting \$2,000 for the GGC scholarship fund, the remaining \$842.90 from the GGC half was donated to LRNC for use on the Serpentine Design Framework.

Elise Butler reported that LRNC received a research inquiry from Anahi Espindola, Assistant Professor at University of Maryland, College Park. She wants to do a comparison of pollinators and plants at serpentine barrens in Maryland and Pennsylvania. She is already working at

Soldiers Delight and Pilot (a Nature Conservancy property). Anahi is applying for a large grant this year; she expects to make one visit to Lake Roland soon, probably in July. She asked LRNC to write a letter of support for the grant. She sent LRNC her resume and a couple of preliminary descriptions of her project.

Peter Lev said that there was no significant overlap with Jim Young's lepidoptera study, and that Roger Latham was very enthusiastic about Anahi's proposed research.

P. Lev reported that the lepidoptera study (butterflies and moths) continues. Jeffrey Budnitz, Howdy Knipp and Roger Gookin have been in the Serpentine meadow with Jim Young in recent weeks.

Paw Point Committee: We have 839 dogs registered.

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz said that maintenance work to prepare for the summer season is 75% completed. We sold another Memorial Bench. Concrete work for the bench and a grill pad is pending. We purchased a 20-foot side-opening container for canoe storage. Now we need to fabricate rails to hold the canoes.

Recreation Committee: No report.

Membership Committee: 207 members.

Residents Committee

New Business: Kurt Davis had written a draft policy on how an LRNC member could propose an item for discussion at the monthly Board meeting. Board member Rick North circulated a comment to the Board on the day of the June 19 meeting. The Board agreed to table Kurt's suggested policy