

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 5, 2020**

Attendees: Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Elise Butler, Jim Flannery, Peter Lev, Jonathan Wood

Kurt Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Minutes from Dec. 6, 2019 were approved.

**Staff Report:** Jonathan Wood gave several updates. Roslyn Johnson has been nominated for the position of director of Baltimore County Rec. And Parks. She's from Prince George's County, National Capital Parks and Planning.

Theme-based canoe trips are being planned. For example: turtles, fishing, paddling, and a moonlight trip.

Security cameras and additional lighting will be installed at the Ranger Station building.

Lake Roland has been asked to send an outreach person with park information to a couple events:

\*\*\*Church of the Redeemer Native Plant Sale, April 4, 9-2.

\*\*\*Gunpowder Valley Conservancy event at Oregon Ridge, April 26 (Earth Day), 10-1.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of Feb. 1.

Current Assets:	\$62,769.94
Fixed Assets:	\$417,687.43
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$480,457.37</b>

Current Liabilities:	\$149,484.00
<b>TOTAL LIAB.</b>	<b>\$149,484.00</b>

Equity:	\$330,973.37
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**Membership Report:** We have 134 paid memberships.

**Environmental and Historic Preservation Report:** Elise reported on a Conference call Feb. 3 between LRNC (Kurt, Elise, Peter), Guilford Garden Club (Kay McConnell, Kimberly Warren) and Larry Weaner and Associates (Jenna Webster, Rebecca Kagle). Kimberly is preparing a Partners4Plants grant to help fund Phase 2 of the LWA proposal for the Nature Center Landscape Design. Elise asked for an updated proposal—the current one is dated 2016. Jenna promised to have that for us in a couple of weeks. Kurt brought up LRNC's concern that much of the project site is wetlands and asked how that would change the plan.

Elise said that she is trying to make the EHP committee more hands-on, for example in removing invasives behind the Nature Center. The Weed Warriors event on 2-8 will be well-attended. When days are longer the EHP committee may meet in the field and do something hands-on.

**Old Business:** Fundraising. LRNC is in the middle of a campaign to raise money for the Nature Center building. Money has come in from foundations and individuals. We will not be announcing totals every month.

**New Business:**

Coordinating Volunteers: Jeffrey talked about adding volunteering options to the membership form. Currently we find out if a person is interested in volunteering only if he/she writes something in on top of the form.

Weather station: The hardware has arrived. Installation should happen soon.

Design Framework or Long-Term Planning Committee: We talked about having a more thought-out way to handle long-range planning for LRNC. Elise said that we need a way to think about long-range planning but do not need a new committee. Currently LRNC's two multi-year projects—the Serpentine Restoration Plan and the Nature Center Landscape Design—are both environmental in focus. Peter said other kinds of long-term projects were possible. Jeffrey gave as an example improving the dock area for boat rentals. Elise said the EC should be the group handling long-range planning. Jeffrey said he was more interested in working out a process than in whether or not we formed a new committee. Peter said he would try to write something defining a long-term planning process within the EC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm  
Minutes taken by Peter Lev.