

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2019**

Attendees: Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Peter Lev, Beth Hoker, Gero Verheyen, Ranger Jonathan Wood

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

Treasurer's Report: The figures below are as of June 5.

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 19,234.75

Total Current Assets 19,234.75

Fixed Assets 430,372.98

TOTAL ASSETS 449,607.73

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities 79,484.00

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Equity 370,123.73

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Jeffrey said that almost every family, out of the families that have responded to date, that signed up for Summer Camp asked for a full refund. Only \$150 so far has been converted from camp fees to donations.

Staff Report: Jonathan reported that the park continues to be very busy. There is still a hiring freeze.

Programs are canceled until further notice. Campouts will probably be canceled. We'll try to do "Meet the Beekeeper" as a visual program later in June. We may do the turtle trip as a virtual program.

Volunteers are allowed to work independently or with supervision in the park.

Someone who had stayed after closing broke the lock on the main gate on Lakeside Drive to get out. Newly installed security cameras show the car (and the license plate) as it is leaving.

Baltimore County has written a waiver for individuals who wish to participate in Rec. and Parks activities. Jeffrey asked that discussion of the waiver should be held until we get to new business.

Membership Report: 206 memberships, plus 2 more that need to be processed.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Report: No report.

Trails Report: Jeffrey said the committee continues to work on projects that can be done with social distancing. For example: the grille pad at the new pavilion; a memorial bench pad; planting four Paw Paw trees at the Lakeside Drive culvert.

Recreation Committee: Gero reported everything is on hold. He personally will record a video about making a canoe. Canoe trips could be held in theory, but the problem would be cleaning and sanitizing equipment after each use.

Old Business:

Larry Weaner Landscape Associates withdrawal from contract. Kurt asked LRNC Board members if they wanted to be part of a discussion group to talk about the site behind the Nature Center. The following individuals have volunteered: Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Gero Verheyen, Christine Corbitt, Carlton Sexton. Kurt will reach out to Ashley Kidner, who has a landscape design firm with experience in working in environmentally sensitive areas. Ashley has been active in Art on the Trail.

New Business:

Summer Camp Canceled. We talked about how to do virtual programming as a partial substitute for camp. Printed material outlining nature-connected activities might also be used. What are the technology needs for virtual programming? Jonathan said he would like to add voiceovers to supplement live sound on some planned videos. Gero said voiceovers could be recorded separately and he would then add them into mp4 videos. We talked about whether to use Vimeo or some other means of distributing videos to users, probably with password protection.

County waiver. Kurt has been participating in Dept. of Rec. and Parks virtual meetings. The main subject of the meeting on Monday, June 1 was a Covid-19 waiver that absolves the County for liability for *anything* that happens in the park. The waiver is so comprehensive that people may be reluctant to sign it. Jeffrey was unsure if the waiver also covered Nature Council liability, and he asked if the County would back up Councils if they are sued. Kurt said the call brought up more concerns than it addressed.

Jeffrey said that we have a good set of insurance policies, unlike some Councils. In addition to the County waiver form, which to some extent is aimed at Rec. Councils, will we need our own form?

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm

Minutes taken by Peter Lev.