

**Lake Roland Nature Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**August 5, 2020 at 5:30 PM**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

Those present, via Zoom: Kurt Davis, Elise Butler, Jeffrey Budnitz, Peter Lev, Beth Hoker, Gero Verheyen, Ranger Jonathan Wood

Treasurer's Report:

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings** 32,723.86

**Total Current Assets** 32,723.86

**Fixed Assets** 430,372.98

**TOTAL ASSETS** 463,096.84

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Other Current Liabilities** 79,484.00

**Total Current Liabilities** 79,484.00

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**Equity** 383,612.84

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 463,096.84

Staff Report: Jonathan said the park is busy, with only a slight decline in visitors because of extreme heat. A recent Pavilion rental had problems because the renters released balloons full of glitter, and that made a mess. The rental permit form has been changed, it now says "no balloons."

Programming in the park is increasing. Weed Warriors is scheduled for August 8. Friday walks begin Aug. 7, with 10 people maximum, pre-registration, and a Covid-19 waiver required. Other walks are planned, always with pre-registration. All in-person programs have a maximum of 10. If we have safety concerns we will cancel. We're also working on virtual programming, for example a campfire cooking show.

Kurt has written up committee guidelines, with the hope that committees will be more active. Jeffrey said that LRNC is less involved in programming than other Nature Councils. This is an area where we can improve. Jonathan stressed that all work expected of a committee need not be done by the committee chair. The chair should be more of an administrator, and the link between the committee and the EC. Elise said we should be clear about what is expected. We want to attract new people without overwhelming them. We briefly talked about different committees, including Residents and Outreach. Jeffrey said that Signup Genius can help us identify volunteers for the different committees.

Membership Committee: 217 members.

Paw Point Committee: 806 members.

EHP Committee: No report.

Trails Committee: A fallen tree was removed and debris was cleared from Lakeside Drive after the August 4 storm. The repaired culvert above overflow parking had no problems in the storm. The streambed is returning to normal at that location.

Leadership of the Trails Committee and Recreation Committee has changed. Jeffrey and Gero are now co-chairs of Trails. Howdy Knipp is now chair of Recreation. The EC approved Howdy's appointment, Board approval also needed.

Recreation Committee: Gero reported a possible canoe trip in September. He also raised the possibility of making a video about a canoe trip.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Grants:** Jeffrey and Kurt said we have received grants from the Baltimore Community Foundation, the Towson Communities Alliance, and Constellation Energy, with the total received so far being \$14,220. The grants will help us offset a loss in program income (especially Summer Camp revenue) because of Covid-19. We're hoping for other grants and individual donations.

**Serpentine Restoration Plan:** Kurt signed a Letter of Agreement with Roger Latham specifying a do-not-exceed cost and a timeline for the four phases of Roger's Serpentine Restoration Plan. Kurt shared the letter with Cara Kohler, President of Guilford Garden Club. Cara responded that GGC was pleased.

**Nominating Committee:** Peter led a discussion of Nominating Committee business for 2020. Kurt has asked Peter to be the Chair, and Marc Klein and Christin Corbett to be members-at-large. Standing Committee chairs or their designees are also on the Committee. Officers to be elected in November are Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Elise has opted to step down as Vice President. Jeffrey and Peter have agreed to be renominated as Treasurer and Secretary. Jeffrey suggested Gero as a nominee for Vice President. Peter said that 5 new Board candidates have been suggested by EC members: McKay Jenkins, Dan Weiser, Dorothea Langford, Lissa Rotundo, and Steve Bruno. Peter said that we should add 3 of them; this would probably enlarge the Board from 16 to 18. Elsie said that if we have 5 good candidates we should go after all of them, because the Board needs new people who can help. Other EC members including Peter agreed. Per the Bylaws, the LRNC Board can have a maximum of 21 Board members. We would, however, need to stagger terms. (Update from Sep. 10: McKay Jenkins, Dorothea Langford, Lissa Rotundo, and Steve Bruno have agreed to be nominated; Dan Weiser declined.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev.