

Lake Roland Nature Council (LRNC) Directors

Lake Roland

Lake Roland is a Baltimore County park, one of 212 park assets that Baltimore County is responsible for managing and maintaining, and therefore stands in line with all other county parks for funds, programs, and maintenance. LRNC was formed for those wishing to volunteer their time and skills to accomplish activities for the betterment of the park and to supplement the County's resources. For example, the Trails Committee steps in to keep the trails clear and safe for all visitors. The Environmental Committee initiates projects to improve the environmental health of the park. There are numerous other examples of committee activities that make a significant positive impact on the park and on park patrons' experience in the park.

How is the Board of Directors organized?

- The Board is led by an Executive Committee of the Board that is comprised of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two At-Large members.
- The full Board consists of the aforementioned Executive Committee as well as 21 Board members and 2 At-Large members.
- Board positions are staggered in tenure to ensure continuity as members' terms expire.

What do they do?

- The Board works with the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Department and Lake Roland Park Rangers to support and maintain the park.
- The Board supports the activities of the permanent committees, temporary committees, and park staff, including programs, maintenance, environmental projects, fundraising, and so on.
- Committee participation – almost all Directors are on one or more committees that are involved with the growth and stewardship of the park and the park's underlying assets. The committees are:
 - o Finance/Development Committee
 - o Membership Committee
 - o Nominating Committee
 - o Environmental Preservation Committee
 - o Historic Preservation Committee
 - o Residents Committee
 - o Civic & Community Committee
 - o Paw Point Dog Park Committee
 - o Trails Committee
 - o Recreation Committee
 - Art on the Trail Sub-Committee
 - Acorn Hill Sub-Committee

- Guidance - the Board of Directors meetings provide a forum for discussions and guidance to the committee activities. The full Board votes on major initiatives affecting the park.
- Financial – the LRNC relies on funds comprised of donations, program fees, and membership fees. These funds are disbursed in different ways to support the park in ways such as programs, equipment, park maintenance, special projects, etc.
- Equipment – through LRNC funds, LRNC has invested in tools and equipment that are used to help maintain the park.

Who can be an LRNC Director?

Anyone who feels they can allocate their time, energy, and expertise to supporting the park. We have Directors with legal, technical, communications, environmental, planning, etc... backgrounds as well as many others.

Are there financial obligations?

Directors are required to maintain a basic individual or family membership.

What is the time commitment?

We have monthly Board meetings which usually last an hour or more. Any further time depends upon your availability and interest. We have various types of work sessions throughout the year.

LRNC Bylaws regarding directors

- Three cohorts of Directors – depends upon year elected
- Directors are elected in the LRNC annual meeting in November
- Terms are three years
- Replacement – someone replacing a Director (left prior to full 3-year term) is limited to serving out the remaining years of the replaced Director

Don't wait to be asked - please step up and volunteer for the Board to help share the load and keep Lake Roland in excellent shape for people of all walks of life. And don't forget to enjoy its beauty yourself.