

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2021 at 5:30 PM
Meeting will be held via Zoom**

Those present, via Zoom: Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Beth Hoker, Steve Bruno

Kurt Davis convened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report -

Jeffrey Budnitz

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	\$136,706.24
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Total Current Assets	\$136,706.24
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Fixed Assets	\$442,069.29
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$578,775.53
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities	\$79,484.00
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Total Current Liabilities	\$79,484.00
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Total Liabilities	\$79,484.00
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Equity	\$499,291.53
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$578,775.53
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Additional comments:

1. A date needs to be determined for the next e-mailing; additional e-mail addresses have been added to the prior e-mail list. *(An email to the updated lists will be sent out the week of 9/6/2021)*
2. Social media postings need to be re-posted. *(Posted on Facebook)*
3. Unclear if Rodger Gookin was successful regarding Green Towson Alliance. *(No word from Roger Gookin – Kurt will reach out)*
4. Jeffrey Budnitz still working on the Ruxton Riderwood Lake Roland Area Improvement Association to send out an e-mail. *(Jeffrey will reach out to RRLRAIP)*
5. Fundraising banner has been installed next to the nature center.

6. An e-mail to the board needs to be sent to both donate and solicit donations, even if a board member donates \$1 we can at least tell the match donor we have 100% board participation. *(Kurt will send a letter to the BOD the week of 9/6/2021)*

Staff Report -

Jonathan Wood

1. 3 new 29 Hr. Park Rangers/Activity Coordinators have started new positions at Lake Roland this week. These positions had also just been posted for rehire again into a Merit position of 35hrs with the county. Very exciting news.
2. Matt Hand – Former Naturalist and 25hr PR/AC (started 12th)
3. Allan Corman – Introduced self at the meeting. Prior Animal Control Officer at other agencies, and worked as volunteer coordinator at a Humane society. Very excited to transitioning into ranger role and being in nature and parks. (Started 11th)
4. Elizabeth Crampton- Former Intern, Naturalist, and Camp Co-Director 2021. (Starting 18th)
5. New program calendar has been posted and is up.
6. Multiple sign up genius requests for programs.
7. Howdy is offering an invasive program for weed warrior attendees and other participants in October.
8. Need help for Nature Quest Festival.
9. We are shadowing One More on Less Mentoring who are renting the entire Fishing Pier on October 23rd for a Female Fishing Tournament.
10. DNR is helping assist them with gear/supplies.
11. Lake Roland has provided them a discounted rate on the pier.
12. Lake Roland Nature Council will be setting up an informational table
13. Steve Bruno and a Master Naturalist have already signed up to assist.
14. Our goal is also to have Steve shadow and help this organization out so the council and staff can learn the logistics of running a fishing tournament. And also to try and see how it works in our park.
15. Steve and the Master naturalist will help judge some of the fish caught and photographed.

Membership Committee -
163 Members

Jeffrey Budnitz

Environmental – No Report

Historical Preservation –

Still waiting on MOU from Towson University Legal department regarding the archeological dig.

Howdy Knipp

Paw Point -

1092 Tags

Beth Hoker

Trails -

Jeffrey and Gero

The Nature Center Trail stabilization is progressing well. As mentioned in prior updates, we have now built trail bridging for DPW similar to what we built on the Red Trail to prevent their equipment from getting stuck which causes ruts and erosion/sedimentation, and needing to pull them out, as they monitor the 42" Jones Falls primary sewer intercept. These bridges will also

benefit patrons regarding the nature trail. We have completed the two planned bridges and two learning nodes including barrier railings, this week, step construction is pending this upcoming week, wood for the steps arrived Friday. Additional trail features and stabilization to occur in the near future. Photos at the end of this series <https://www.flickr.com/photos/150703194@N03/albums/72157716556930881/page4> and here <https://www.flickr.com/photos/150703194@N03/albums/72157716556930881/page5>.

We installed additional lightning surge protection today for the lightning alert/weather station and associated network devices. Due to the frequency of close and direct strikes, one of the ethernet ports that supports the local alert station siren was damaged. Additional grounding surge protection was installed and damaged equipment replaced. Photos at the end of this series. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/150703194@N03/sets/72157713538071627/> Regarding the Nature Center Capital Campaign, since our 8/18/2021 mass e-mailing, we have generated \$46,965.00 combined with donor match toward the remaining outstanding commitment balance of \$79,494.00. The campaign runs until December 1st so our hope will be to put forth the final capital commitment payment to the county by the end of the year, or well before, to conclude the Nature Center capital campaign drive. Campaign status can be viewed here: www.lakeroland.org and the fundraising banner went up in the park today, photo here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/150703194@N03/51411815824/in/album-72157719745698298/>

A positive design meeting occurred at the end of the Red Trail in regards to working on an equipment and material delivery access solution.

Recreation – No Report

Howdy Knipp

Old Business: - No Report

New Business -

1. Research changing by-laws to require new board members give to the council (no specific amount) to show 100% BOD participation in Lake Roland.
2. Kurt submitted a grant request to Black & Decker - \$10,000.00 requested to be used for trails maintenance and new trails construction.
3. Email was sent out to BOD about the September BOD meeting and Meet and Greet
4. Steve Bruno expressed interest in assuming the position of BOD Secretary – we will nominated and vote on at the September BOD Meeting.
5. Submitted council website and staff Podcast for MRPA award.