

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
10/6/2021 at 5:30 PM
Meeting held via Zoom**

Meeting convened at 5:35 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero (meeting chair), Carlton, Jeffrey, Jonathan, Steve

Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

\$127,864.50

Total Current Assets

\$127,864.50

Fixed Assets

\$443,454.69

TOTAL ASSETS

\$571,319.19

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

\$0.00

Total Current Liabilities

\$0.00

Total Liabilities

\$0.00

Equity

\$571,319.19

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$571,319.19

The nature center campaign check has been printed for presentation to the county. The anonymous donor came through with their donation as planned.

Staff Report

Jonathan Wood

We are fully staffed right now. John Leman is getting married this weekend and will be out until after his honeymoon. Allan Corman is the newest staff member. Elizabeth Crampton, a naturalist, has been hired. Matt Hand was also hired. All are on a 29-hour/wk schedule. All positions in the park are soon to be rehired as merit employees, all at 35hrs/week. We are submitting our recommendation to hire an administrative aid (AA) soon. Will now have six staff altogether (more than we have had working together over the last 4 years.).

The Saturday training for the Weed Warriors led will by Howdy. Only three volunteers have signed up so far, so Jeffrey will send the signup Genius again.

Nancy Horst will step down from the Friday morning naturalist hikes, but is happy to continue communications. Dorothea is a possible candidate to fill the role.

There are still opportunities for Nature Quest volunteers. Jonathan has been conducting outreach with limited success.

We are looking for volunteers to hand out candy on Friday Oct 29. Details will be in the letter that Jonathan will send out.

Chemical toilet issue – service stopped for two weeks and the contractor stated they serviced it but this was not done. Starting to get complaints and had to close the toilet due to unsanitary conditions. County Procurement is following up to resolve the issue.

Serpentine mowing to be done after the survey markers are removed. Jonathan will follow up with Peter Lev. Gero advised that we find a way to retain Peter's institutional knowledge on the EC.

Membership Committee

Jeffrey Budnitz

We have a total of 164 members. We have averaged 200+ members in the past, but there was a dip with the curtailment with summer camps. Need to assess the mailing list and have a thoughtful mailing. Jonathan to follow up with Peter.

Paw Point

Jeffrey Budnitz

The cleanup was successful. There are 1100+ members and people continue to join, even though the year is coming to an end soon. The park staff did some very helpful cleanup as well. The fence perimeter has almost completely been repaired. One post and the rear gate need to be repaired due to impacts from maintenance machinery.

Trails

Jeffrey Budnitz

Cleanup of the maintenance yard took pace. A sponsor is sending \$800 in response to the team taking photos with their excavator in action. Picture frames for the boardwalk were installed; nodes were completed. Equipment maintenance has been conducted. Jeffrey is looking to find a good deal on a roller for trail finishing work. Carlton noted that some people have complained about the height of the red trail steps; Gero discussed the movement over time of the steps and outlined possible solutions that have been considered. Members of the EC plan to meet up at the steps to assess the solutions.

Recreation

Gero Verheyen

Nature Quest weekend was covered earlier in the meeting. The EC discussed paddle and PFD inventory.

Old Business

Steve was elected Secretary of the BOD

New Business

Jeffrey stated that development of the MOU has largely been driven by Towson U. and not the LRNC, but that LRNC should have the final say on what is agreed to. Gero

stated that the EC fully supports Jonathan in development of the MOU to ensure that the interests of the LRNC and park are appropriately represented.