

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 3 at 5:30 PM
Meeting will be held via Zoom**

Meeting convened at: 5:33pm

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

1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

Nov 2, 21

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 107,445.22

Total Current Assets 107,445.22

Fixed Assets 468,679.42

TOTAL ASSETS 576,124.64

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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3. Staff Report

Jonathan Wood

- a) Looking for volunteer background checks to be updated and fingerprinting to take place coming up in January.
- b) The county is also hopeful that they have access to a program payment system by January. This process will also reflect with some of the changes to the MOU's.
- c) No timetable on new mou's with other county councils in the department.
- d) Bob Smith is the new Deputy Director, Recreation and Facilities Operation
- e) Cortney Weinstock is the new Deputy Director for Administration.
- f) No news on red trail entrance.
- g) County is looking for input for use in the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks, and
- h) Recreation Plan (LPPRP). Open space funding eligibility, and recreational needs for the next 5 years. Let me know if you have any suggestions for your unmet recreational needs in the area. Only looking for capital project needs right now.
- i) Historical research permit. See forward email.
- j) There was discussion on potentially seeking funding for blue trail improvements and the need for parking, as well as access for kayaks/canoes.
- k) Recent programs success –
 - a. 43 for scavenger hunt
 - b. 53 for nature quest festival (over 150 spectators who just walked up to talk to each table)
 - c. Campfire program canceled and one paid group moved to smore's campfire program.
- l) Upcoming programs Mostly Free –

- a. Deer program this Sunday 11-6
 - b. Weed Warriors 11-13 (will cut vines and collect them for wreath making)
 - c. Wild turkey 1-14
 - d. Beaver moon Hike 11-19
 - e. Natives of MD program 11-20
- m) Gero mentioned that MORE (Mountain biking group) is considering making a presentation on proposed trail improvements.

4. Membership Committee

Jeffrey Budnitz

- Annual membership mailing, e-mailing and member letter

Jeffrey discussed on membership mailings, letter, and mailing process and requested support from the EC. Kurt to send out a sample letter.

5. Environmental

The group discussed the background of the nature center trail and the three wetland delineations that existed prior to the engagement of a consultant and that the consultant did not factor in these wetland studies, that were provided to them, in their proposed trail alignment. This oversight has been corrected by the nature council to take into account these existing site conditions and constraints to better work with the site, not against the site which is both costly or not permissible in certain locations on the site.

Jonathan discussed a volunteer group from St. Paul's school that is interested to do a service day involving miscanthus removal near the serpentine area.

6. Historical Preservation

Gero Verheyen

Gero reinforced the need for proper catalogue of artifacts, as well as the need to consider presentation/curation.

7. Paw Point

Beth Hoker

Jeffrey discussed current membership efforts.

8. Trails

Jeffrey and Gero

Gero discussed current trail improvements. Jeffrey discussed developments with the State Highway Admin. and current grant status. Kurt said that LRNC will be notified when decisions have been made. Jeffrey noted that it benefits the Park when funders see how little overhead the LRNC requires to implement a grant based on equipment ownership.

9. Recreation

Gero Verheyen

Gero discussed the need to think strategically about the benefit of potential funding and partnerships on park improvements.

10. Old Business

Nominations must be sent to the board and membership 10 days prior to the next board meeting. Presently, Gero has been nominated for President. The group discussed the need to eventually identify a candidate for vice president, but agreed that this is not urgent. This candidate would need to be approved by the EC and then put forward for a board vote.

11. New Business

Official notification should be out next week on the Baltimore County Artist and Sciences grant. LRNC has been unofficially approved for a grant of \$6,000 (we requested \$3,000). Additional funding provided will go directly to the artists.

Jeffrey noted that the roll-off container for the maintenance yard cleanup is scheduled and asked Jonathan if anything in that area needed to be disposed of. Jonathan stated that Oregon Ridge Park owns the canoes next the Paw Point container and they have not come to pick them up yet. Jeffrey stated that plasma cutting on the container for ventilation fans would require anything flammable or damageable items to be moved to a safe location.