

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 2 at 5:30 PM
Meeting held Zoom**

Meeting convened at 5:35 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero (chair), Jonathan, Jeffrey, Beth, Carlton, Steve, and Peter Lev (guest)

1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

2. Environmental

Peter Lev

Completion of Roger Latham's work in the Serpentine Barrens: The LRNC has determined that Roger Latham may not be able to complete work on the project. He recommended a former PhD student/mentee as a potential subcontractor to complete the work under the contract. Dr. Will Ryan has 20 years experience managing nature reserves, and has done extensive research on serpentine barrens. Jeffrey reported that the LRNC is the contracted party with Roger and is able to make contractual decisions accordingly. LRNC will need to determine: a) The contractual responsibilities of Roger Latham, including continuity of the work that remains to be done, b) if we need an amendment to the contract, and c) the involvement of the Guilford Garden Club.

3. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

Jan 29, 22

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings \$110,596.21

Total Current Assets \$110,596.21

Fixed Assets \$477,030.26

TOTAL ASSETS \$587,626.47

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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4. Staff Report

Jonathan Wood

Jonathan gave a tour to Towson University Magazine for a feature on me as an alumni around town still. Photography Highlighted Nature Center, Paw Point and King Fisher Trail.

- Sent out volunteer sign ups. A lot of them have been filled.

- Surplus requests came back for approval. Buying new evaporator. Going to destroy the old one after this years Maple Sugaring. Also going to purchase a display case for the historical artifacts and items.
- Staff are working on park closing signs for Red and Blue trail entrances.
- Master Naturalist classes are all set. One instructor is charging us fee's for presenting and travel. We confirmed with the MD Extension that some of the money comes back to Nature Council to pay for items such as instructor fees. Reminder, Classes are being held on Wednesday leading to possible closures of the exhibit hall to the public on these training days.
- Miscanthus removal, might have a scout group with 30 scouts and parents who can help in march- waiting confirmation.
- Historical
 - Met with Katherine from TU and have Howdy working with volunteers to clear what she requested. They are planning to come on the 12th and/or the 13th of March for the GPR.

5. Membership Committee Jeffrey Budnitz

We have a total to date of 17 members for this membership year.

6. Historical Preservation Gero Verheyen

7. Paw Point Beth Hoker
545 tags have been sent out so far and Siobhan dropped off 25 more.

8. Trails Jeffrey and Gero

Two of the last memorial benches were installed on the fishing pier, facing toward the dam. One additional bench awaits installation. Maintenance access to the Red Trail is making progress. Discussions with MORE and other stakeholders have been ongoing on trail maintenance and connecting Park trails to Mt Washington and Ruxton. Gero discussed two proposals for trails and stated that a feasibility study would be required before any plans could be established, and that the least disruptive plan – to the environment and community – would need to be selected. LRNC will meet with the State coordinator for the assessment/study to discuss issues and concerns of the Park. He indicated that there is the potential for new parking and access to the Orange Trail.

9. Recreation Gero Verheyen

There may be a fishing event in June around the State free fishing days. Jonathan, Gero, Ranger Kyle, and Steve will meet offline to discuss ideas and logistics.

10. Old Business:

11. New Business

A Park patron who regularly enjoys the park with her caretaker was featured in the Baltimore Sun. She has a significant following with people in the Alzheimer's community. Some have requested the county and/or Park find a way to memorialize her at Lake Roland. Ranger

Jonathan sent these individuals our memorial bench, and tree program the NC Offers to the public.