

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Meeting held via Zoom**

Meeting convened at 6:33 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero, Jeffrey, Kurt, Beth, Steve, Matt Hand

1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

Oct 31, 22

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 181,619.08

Total Current Assets 181,619.08

Fixed Assets 480,412.83

TOTAL ASSETS 662,031.91

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity 662,031.91

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3. Staff Report

Matt Hand

Administrative:

§ Still in the process of hiring Joe Costello as a Part-time Naturalist

§ No formal update on the Administrative Aide vacancy—still being converted to a full-time, full benefits position to make it more attractive to applicants- This may be the new position which was recently posted:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/baltimorecounty/jobs/3752633/office-coordinator>

§ We should know about scheduling a start date for the Activity Coordinator/Park Ranger within the next week—hopefully starting them by the end of November

§ All staff will be working on creating management and technical SOPs for the Park—planning to provide some of those to the Nature Council Executive Committee for review/comments over the Winter.

Grounds and Facilities:

§ Outstanding work orders have been resubmitted by Rob and/or included in capital budget request (includes boardwalk damage, repainting parking lot lines, erosion issue by overflow parking lot gate, erosion issue of handicap parking spots, etc.) Retaining Wall at Pump House?

§ A new Kubota utility vehicle was included in the capital budget request for FY24

§ Group of Paw Point members would like to donate to have two new benches and a shade canopy installed near the water access gates, but facing uphill into the dog Park— patron who brought it up was Arthur Smith 443-653-2419. Rob endorses the bench proposal but not the canopy. Nature Council EC questions logistics and feasibility of benches and canopy.

Programs:

§ Lake Roland Winter program calendar draft created—Kyle finalizing and should have it available for review within a week- needed ASAP in order to post on Nature Council Website Sign Up Genius

§ County-wide program information submitted to Admin so they can compile a list of all program offerings in the County- transitional step towards Civic Rec

§ Nature Quest Fest had 57 participants- Nature Council website needed updating concerning Nature Quest Fest 2022, Lake Roland Staff did not submit updates to reflect this year's NQF prior to the event.

Needed from Lake Roland Park Staff by Nature Council at this time:

- Photos of Nature Quest Fest
- Paw Point Sign-Up 11/05/22, 10am-12pm, 2 Tables and 4 chairs at Dog Park Entrance (reminder)
- Paw Point Sign-Up 11/13/22, 12pm-2pm, 2 Tables and 4 chair at Dog Park Entrance (reminder)
- Park Staff to help direct patrons during Red Trail Steps Reconstruction 11/12/22- Volunteer Signup is very low in the morning
- Park Staff to help direct patrons during Red Trail Steps Reconstruction 11/13/22- Volunteer Signup is not full (afternoon)
- Park Staff to help direct patrons during Serpentine Mowing 12/04/22

4. Membership Committee Jeffrey Budnitz

- LRNC currently has 173 members.

5. Environmental Gero Verheyen

- Gearing up for Serpentine mowing in December.
- Roger Latham has confirmed that Will is on board and they expect to finish the project in the spring.

6. Historical Preservation Gero Verheyen

- Historical Committee continues to collate history into presentations.
- There will be a “History of the Lake and Park” presentation at the Annual Meeting.

7. Paw Point

Beth Hoker

1092 members. 11/1 start for 2023. 31 memberships mailed 11/1. Walkup 11/5 and 11/13 12-2pm. Table and chairs need to be brought up. Separate table for those needing to sign up.

8. Trails

Jeffrey and Gero

- Update provided via email.
- In the Draft Baltimore County Bike / Pedestrian Plan, there is an alignment/routing for the Jones Falls trail depicted that has it going through the wetlands in the park off of the Red Trail. This has been raised previously and Gero will be providing comments on behalf of LRNC to the County.

9. Recreation

Steve Bruno

Trying to develop new weekday programs. Need to check with Rec & Parks on pop-up programs. Targeted age-group programs or adult only programs to take place mid-week.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- More volunteers for the serpentine mowing. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/lake-roland-environmental-volunteers>
- Replacement of the council truck. Addressing this – Jeffrey to get quotes for this and revert to EC.
- Need to refresh board and recruit active board members and rotate out non-involved members. Introduce amendment to By Laws to incorporate minimum volunteer requirement.

Meeting concluded at 7:30pm