

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Executive Committee Meeting  
March 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Meeting held via Zoom**

Meeting convened at 6:32 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero, Kurt, Beth, Will, Rob, Aaron Levin (guest)

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1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

**Feb 26, 23**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

    Checking/Savings                      177,079.45

Total Current Assets                      177,079.45

Fixed Assets                                  502,737.83

**TOTAL ASSETS                                  679,817.28**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Equity    679,817.28

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3. Staff Report

Rob Hart

**Personnel updates:**

- New Administrative Aide was sent their conditional offer of employment (should hopefully start work by the end of March)
- New Activity Coordinator/Park Ranger, Matthew Pedri, has started work
- Rob Hart's last day is March 8th and the Park Ranger II job has been posted online and is accepting applications until March 17th.

**Grounds updates:**

- Property Management repaired the damaged portions of the stone retaining wall beside the pedestrian bridge below the dam
- Staff request that the Nature Council repaint the parking lot lines if possible (especially in front of the auxiliary parking lot gates)

**Program updates:**

- Maple Sugaring is wrapped up- multiple well-attended programs despite low tree sap production
- Spring Program season has started
- Summer Camp Lottery registration window opens March 11<sup>th</sup>

4. Membership Committee: 193 members

Jeffrey Budnitz

5. Environmental

Gero Verheyen

February 18, Orange Trail Cleanup, debris disposed of

6. Historical Preservation

Aaron Levin

Aaron presented slides on two wells and a foundation which could benefit from cleanup in the area as well as repointing of mortar. The presentation also included slides of the barn foundation. A discussion followed with respect to potential repairs to the wall and the aforementioned sites. It was suggested that the LRNC work with park staff to establish a strategy/policy with respect to cleaning up, repairing, and maintaining these (and other) sites if the plan is to publicize them to park patrons. It was agreed that Gero would contact Joe Costello to ask him to conduct research as to what the barn foundation might have been when constructed.

7. Paw Point:

Beth Hoker

640 tags. Beth noted issues with the post office and delivery/return of tags and the time this was taking.

8. Trails: Nothing new to report

Jeffrey and Gero

9. Recreation: Gearing up for spring activities.

Rob

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- Archaeological Committee Request (Bill). Bill is preparing a grant proposal to support the work on the sites identified in Aaron's presentation. Members of EC provided advice to Bill on the preparation of the grant and will review the document once drafted. It was agreed that we should first determine the historic significance of the sites as well as what it might cost to do the work so that this can be incorporated into the grant proposal.