

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Executive Committee Meeting  
August 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Meeting held via Zoom**

Meeting convened at 6:33 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero, Kurt, Jeffrey, Bill, Beth, Matt

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1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Aug 2, 23</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	91,833.36
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>91,833.36</b>
Fixed Assets	588,502.62
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>680,335.98</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	680,335.98
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>680,335.98</b>

3. Staff Report

Matt Hand

### Staff Report

- Matt Pedri Family Emergency
- Increase in staff calling out sick
- Part-Time staff beginning to leave for College
- In process of hiring a new Park Ranger I
- In process of hiring former intern for a part-time position
- Matt Hand vacation 8/7-8/18- Kyle Brickell will be acting PRII
- Snapping turtle tests results forthcoming
- Virtual Tour completed
- Light Rail pedestrian bridge repairs ongoing
- Covid Memorial groundbreaking 8/7/23 lasting through mid-October

### Program Report

- 2 weeks of summer camp remain: 8/7-8/11, 17 participants. 8/21-8/25, 20 participants
- Friday Walks continuing, Marta Mills
- Sturgeon Moon Canoe Trip 8/4
- Shooting Stars Campfire 8/12
- Fall Programing planning is in progress and the program calendar is forthcoming

4. Membership Committee  
136 members

Jeffrey Budnitz

5. Environmental

Gero Verheyen

- Addressing issues of Spotted Lantern Fly – Property Management has sprayed herbicide on Trees of Heaven along Lakeside Dr. A number of trees have been removed, others that were sprayed are being monitored. A hydro-hatchet is en route which will help with the elimination of the Trees of Heaven;
- DPW gave an internal tour of the valve house

6. Historical Preservation

Gero Verheyen

- Display case in Nature Center has been populated with artifacts – these have also been catalogued. It was noted that this could be a feature for the fall event (please see new business below)

7. Paw Point

Beth Hoker

- 922 members

8. Trails

Jeffrey and Gero

- Trails update was circulated via email on 7/24

9. Recreation

Steve Bruno, Matt Hand

- Two weeklong sessions left for summer camp – 17 for first session, full capacity @ 25 for second;
- Friday walks are continuing
- Sturgeon moon and shooting stars campout are coming up.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- Possible Learning Day discussion

EC was advised that BWB will not be able to support an event this year. Discussion focused on having a Lake Roland event on **October 8** supported by:

- Park staff
- Master Naturalists
- LRNC

Events could include the following:

- Water testing demonstration by Baltimore County
- Reef ball station with David
- Musket demonstration with history of gunpowder in park by Jon Wood
- DPW – pump house tour
- Stations with Master Naturalists showcasing their projects in the park

- Matt may be asking for NC volunteers at Nature Center in September given potential staffing shortages as volunteers return to school, etc.