

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

Meeting convened at 6:33 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero (chair), Kurt, Bill, Beth, Steve, Matt

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1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

- Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

Oct 30, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	81,014.92
Total Current Assets	81,014.92
Fixed Assets	591,504.86
TOTAL ASSETS	672,519.78

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	672,519.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	672,519.78

3. Staff Report

Matt Hand

- Repair needs on the boardwalk have been assessed.
- Works continues on the gatehouse, which should be completed by Nov 20.
- Matt will interview three potential part time candidates next week.
- No new updates on the Covid Memorial, but the delay may be due to a change in landscaping companies.

4. Membership Committee

Jeffrey Budnitz

- We currently have 139 Members
- Kurt reported that there was a fair amount of interest in membership during the NatureQuest event. He recommended that we consider a monthly membership table staffed by volunteers in the Nature Center. The group discussed other ways to increase membership, such as bundling Paw Point and Park memberships together at a discount and distributing flyers more regularly.

5. Environmental

Gero Verheyen

- Update provide via email.

6. Historical Preservation

Bill Hoekemeyer

- Bill reported that he and Aaron will meet Friday Nov 10 to plan upcoming activities and bring the committee back together.

7. Paw Point

Beth Hoker

- We had 1,008 members for the year that just ended and 22 new members as of today.

8. Trails

Jeffrey and Gero

- Update provided by email.

9. Recreation

Steve Bruno, Matt Hand

- Steve noted upcoming activities, including Monster S'mores and Spotted Lanternfly. Matt noted that a volunteer is needed for S'mores.
- Matt reported that we had a lot of participants this year (58) for NatureQuest, and that things went very well.

10. Old Business

- Gero discussed two potential new board candidates.
- Annual meeting: Beth asked if help was needed to support the meeting. Kurt noted that he has the member notification materials and MailChimp info. Gero will provide short paragraphs on two new potential board candidates. Notification needs to go out Sunday (10 in advance of the meeting). Bill has confirmed with the speaker.

11. New Business