

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM  
Lake Roland Nature Center**

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Elise Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**April 2017 Meeting Minutes:** The April 19, 2017 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeffrey Budnitz reported the following:

- Cash position: \$43,436.95
- Hard Assets: \$234,941.63
- Total Assets: \$278,378.58
- Liability to Baltimore County: \$240,000
- Net Asset Value: \$38,378.58
- Storage container arrived last week and was placed in the maintenance yard
- W. Lippincott Memorial donated \$2,250 for a Memorial Bench

**Rec & Parks Staff Report:** Ranger Shannon Davis reported the following:

- Master Naturalist class graduation is on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Campout is this weekend
- Fully staffed with 2 new staff members for a total of 6
- Season Naturalist training starts June 1<sup>st</sup>
- The first Nature Center rental was by the Sierra Club
- Just had an Eagle Scout complete a project

**Design Framework Committee (Environmental & Master Plan):** Elise Butler provided the following updates:

**Consultants Study** – Elise reported that this is ongoing. We are working with a group of landscape professionals from Philadelphia. They will present to the board next month.

**Native Plant Sale** – Kay McConnell reported that the plant sale went well in spite of the weather. The plant sale is continuing at Kay's house. Gross revenues as of now are \$8,672. Elise thanked Kay for her effort in organizing and managing the native plant sale.

Jeffrey Budnitz reported that he visited the Soldiers Delight Serpentine area and realized our maintenance program is in better condition.

**Paw Point Committee:** Beth Hoker reported:

- they have a membership of 812
- Cleanup is scheduled for this Sunday
- Dogs and Donuts event went well

**Trails Committee:** Jeffrey Budnitz reported:

- All materials are in for the red trail
- Historic bridge restoration is going great

**Recreation Committee:** No report

**Membership Committee:** Jeffrey Budnitz reported that we have 152 members.

**Residents Committee:** No report

**Outreach Committee:** No report

### **New Business**

**Committee Handbook** – Elise Butler briefed everyone on the committee handbooks for new members.

**Village of Lake Roland** – Elise Butler reported that she received a letter from Robert Macht concerning the proposed Village of Lake Roland project. Elise read the letter into the minutes as Robert had requested.

To: Lake Roland Nature Council  
From: Robert Macht: (member of LRNC) and Save Lake Roland Committee  
May, 17, 2017  
Re: Lake Roland Nature Council Board Meeting.

Dear LRNC and President Davis,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, however I wanted to give a report to the council concerning members of the Save Lake Roland Committee's talks with the developer, Len Weinberg.

As you are aware, Len has proposed building a large apartment building at the Hollins Organic site, as part of a mixed use project.

At the suggestion of the leadership of the Lake Roland Nature Council, an offer by members of the Save Lake Roland Committee was made to purchase the property for 4.25 million, the price Len paid for the property.

Our offer was rejected.

Our group hopes to continue working with the developer and the community and the County and the LRNC to find an agreeable project plan for all involved.

Sincerely,  
Robert Macht  
Save Lake Roland Committee

Mark Behrens clarified Robert's letter that the intention is to donate the property to the Park. Mark also stated that LRNC's lack of position on the Village of Lake Roland project is significant.

Elise Butler adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

In attendance:

Jeffrey Budnitz

Elise Butler

Beth Hoker

Dwight Johnson

Susan King-Byrne

Marc Klein

Rick North

Merritt Pridgeon

Lydia Redding

Jim Flannery

Shannon Davis

Kay McConnell

Mark Behrens

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