

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION

October 1, 2025

6:00PM

Regular Board Meeting

Onekama Township Hall

OUR MISSION: The Portage Lake Association is a group of volunteers who are dedicated to making the Portage Lake Area a great place in which to live, play and stay.

Officers	Board of Directors	Committee Heads
Cyndy Wangbichler, President VACANT, Vice President Evie McNeil, Treasurer Mary Jo McElroy, Secretary Al Taylor, Past President	Jean Capper Susan Halloran Kathy Loynes Mark Miller Roz Jaffe Carey Stark Diane Wemlinger	Brian Devilling, Mary Jo McElroy, Mary Fairgrieve, Theresa Gimpel, Nancy Dabrowski, Paul Mueller, Nikki Schneider, Justin Sedelmaier, Carrie & Greg Cassagnola, Katy Castillo

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS / RESPONSIBILITY
Call to order and welcome	Roz Jaffe called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Eight PLA people attended, either in person or via Zoom. Attendees were Roz Jaffe, Evie McNeil, Susan Halloran, Kathy Cyr, Diane Wemlinger, Jean Capper, Al Taylor, and Lauralee Mathieu.	
Consent Agenda	The Consent Agenda consisted of September 3, 2025 minutes and September 2025 financials. There was a spelling correction made. Al Taylor requested that the next financial report have the budget number next to the actual expenditure. Susan moved to approve the Consent Agenda with one correction. Diane seconded, and the motion passed without dissent.	Mary Jo to get September minutes posted at Onekama.info .
Correspondence	Mary Rodriguez from Honor / Onekama Building Supply has appreciated the acknowledgements they got as a sponsor. Dennis McCarthy said the same thing for Blarney Castle.	
COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS		
Fall Festival	Fall Festival is ready to go on Saturday. Susan Halloran ran into Eddie Reed and made sure he would be there.	
History group	The origin of the history group was acknowledged. There is lots of interest, but Kathy Cyr and Lauralee Mathieu are the only ones left. They have been working on enhancing Tom Gerhardt's information. They have publications – a walking tour and one	

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	about the Portage Point Summer Resort Corp. They have some copies and try to get them into businesses. They will do an article for the January newsletter. Al mentioned the historical markers that is still with Parks and Rec / Michelle Ervin where the money resides. One plaque is completed at MacBeth's. They are still trying to get others in the Village to join in. Rox and Al will turn over Renew Onekama's remaining funds of \$471. Kathy has \$11. These will be earmarked for the history committee. They will work on a budget for 2026.	
Artisan Market for Christmas in Onekama	Lots of vendors have signed up. The organizers expect a full house. Cookie contest is looking for a new chair (that is a school issue).	
Celebration of Lights	Kathy Loynes contacted Jackpine and asked them to include the donation envelopes with the ballot mailing. She told them to go ahead and print more donation envelopes if more envelopes are needed. Diane, Susan, and Kathy are meeting on Thursday morning to go over details about the event. Kathy asked Beth McCarthy if she would still be interested in reading the names, letting her know we changed the day to Saturday. She said she would think about it and let her know. Since MacBeth's is open until 6:00 PM it might conflict. If she decides she does not want to then we will need a new reader if anyone is interested in doing it. Susan added that First Congregational Church may do bell ringing and may do caroling.	
Petunia update	Mary Jo presented to Village Council of Onekama -- they liked the plan -- got an offer of purchase for 1 complete unit + offer to help pick up the hardware next Spring. She has spoken with all businesses affected except for Sweet Vibes -- everyone positive, some ecstatic. The team is in the process of getting a bid for 2026 plants and supplies from Pleasanton (will need PLA board approval in November to place the order with Pleasanton). She is also in process of buying some bases, posts, containers from Eckert's Greenhouses using 2025 money. As of now, we have two water sources, but no progress	

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	getting a waterer. Kris Greve and Mary Jo added pumpkins to the large planters -- from Northwoods Market -- no need for mums since all plants still doing well.	
OLD BUSINESS		
Strategic Plan	Evie is working on data for a five-year budget review. Need to develop metrics for how things are working.	Cyndy to do an article for January newsletter.
501c3	Agenda item tabled.	
NEW BUSINESS		
Pig Roast	Pig roast will be replaced by a supper provided by the school. Justin Sedelmaier and Tara Lyman will be in charge. No more pig roast.	
PLA donation	The PLA donated \$100 to the school for their good behavior program (will purchase small items).	
OTHER BUSINESS		
Nominating Committee	Will meet in mid-October. Jean Capper will be off the board but will continue to do the newsletter.	
PLA zoom account	Committees can use it.	
Near and Farr Friends	John Wemlinger will present his book <u>The Cut</u> on Friday. He will announce that the PLA is taking in the history committee.	
Banner	Art work for the current banner is owned by the company that created it. They did not give permission to MacBeth's to make new banners with a different company.	
Puzzle	Sales of puzzles has been good. Al to order more in time for Christmas event in November.	
Next meeting	The next meeting will be on November 5.	
Adjournment	Al made a motion to adjourn, Diane seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.	

Submitted by Jean Capper