

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION**Regular Board Meeting**

September 2, 2026

6:00PM

Onekama Township Hall

OUR MISSION: The Portage Lake Association provides opportunities that enhance the well-being of the community as a great place to live, play and stay.

Officers	Board of Directors	Committee Heads
Cyndy Wangbichler, President VACANT, Vice President Evie McNeil, Treasurer Mary Jo McElroy, Secretary Roz Jaffe, Past President	Amber Sedelmaier Cindy Pons Diane Wemlinger Jane Foster Kathy Loynes Mark Miller Sally Koon Susan Halloran Joe Suchocki	Brian Devilling, Mary Jo McElroy, Mary Fairgrieve, Nancy Dabrowski, Paul Mueller, Carrie & Greg Cassagnola, Katy Castillo, Tim Mostowy, Jean Capper, Kathy Cyr, Lauralee Ryan, Joe Suchocki

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS / RESPONSIBILITY
Call to order and welcome	Cyndy Wangbichler called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Eleven PLA board members / committee heads attended. Attendees were Cyndy Wangbichler, Evie McNeil, Mary Jo McElroy, Roz Jaffe, Kathy Cyr, Lauralee Ryan, Sally Koon, Diane Wemlinger, Cindy Pons, Katy Castillo, and Tim Mostowy. Ellie Brown was present as a guest.	
Additions to the Agenda	No additions to the agenda.	
Consent Agenda	The Consent Agenda consisted of July 8, 2026, minutes and August financials. Roz Jaffe made a motion to approve the minutes and to accept the financial report. Diane Wemlinger seconded. The motion passed without discussion or dissent.	Mary Jo to get July minutes posted at Onekama.info .
Correspondence	None.	
COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS		
Artisan Market	No report. It was clarified that Celebration of Lights will take place on Saturday, November 21 starting at 5 PM with music and refreshments. Reading of the names will take place at 6 PM.	
Onekama Days	Roz Jaffe summarized the feedback about Onekama Days in an email to the planning committee, then discussed a few issues at the meeting. Most importantly was to have a contact person from Onekama Village to participate in the planning.	

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Fall Festival	Some work has already been done to secure food and activity vendors.	Katy Castillo to get a meeting of the committee asap.
Onekama Blooms	Cindy Pons and Mary Jo McElroy summarized what was done this year (hanging baskets and large pots) and feedback from the community. They then presented current work to identify a plan for 2027: what to do, how to pay, where to place, etc.	Still need a lot of work on funding and watering solutions
Collaboration	Mary Jo reported for Joe Suchocki. Plans for Safe Routes to School are progressing. Contract with MSU has been signed by the Village. First day on site will be September 17 for walking audits and community meeting. Joe is holding a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on September 22 from 9 to 10:30 AM at Lake and Latte.	
NEW BUSINESS		
Main Street Pole Work	Tim Mostowy has done work with Consumers Energy and other electricians to decide what work needs to be done to make sure lights and poles are functional. Evie made a motion to approve \$2200 to fund work this fall. Mary Jo McElroy seconded the motion, and it passed.	Tim to get walkie talkies from Mark Miller
Brand Discussion	Ellie Brown discussed the lack of consensus about a new logo. After individual feedback, it was clarified that her direction should be to emphasize a compass and include more colors in the design.	
Scarecrows	Mary Jo has been in communication with the Acker family about the scarecrows. A flyer has been posted to Facebook with a time frame of September 2 – September 27 to put up the scarecrows. Then between September 28 and October 2, Dave Wallace will take the photos, get them printed, and deliver them for the Fall Festival.	
OTHER BUSINESS		
Next meeting	The next meeting will be on October 7 at 6 PM.	
Adjournment	Roz Jaffe made a motion to adjourn, Mary Jo McElroy seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.	

Submitted by Mary Jo McElroy