

# PLA Monthly Regular Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM  
Township  
Hall

**Date June 10, 2021**

**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:**

Julie Lapinski- President  
Kevin Wolverton-Vice President  
Evie McNeil -Treasurer  
Jean Capper- Secretary  
Al Taylor – Past President

**Board of Directors**

Nikki Schneider, David Maylen,  
Frank English, Jean Capper  
Susan Halloran, Jon Phillips,  
Debby Major, Mary Bergren,  
Nikki Schneider, Michelle Ervin

**Committee Heads**

Mary Jo McElroy,  
Debby Major, Susan Halloran,  
Justin Sedelmaier, Mary Reed,  
Steve Szilvagy, i,  
Paul Mueller, Faye Backie,  
Margaret Panches, Mary Fairgrieve,  
Frank English, Al Taylor,  
Jean Capper, Julie Lapinski  
Jeff Sternberger, Susan Barnard,  
Pat Pomaranski, David Maylen

## Agenda

| Order of Business            | Person Responsible | Report, or <i>To Do</i> list   | Action Plan  |
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| Call to Order, Introductions | Julie Lapinski     | Julie called the meeting to order at 6:04. Present: Julie Lipinski, Kevin Wolverton, Jean Capper, Al Taylor, Susan Halloran, Debby Major, Mary Jo McElroy, Nikki Schneider, Steve Szilvagy, i, Faye Backie, Pat Pomaranski   |  |
| Consent Calendar             | Julie Lapinski     | No quorum. Financials were not sent out due to some additional expenses that need to be factored in. Watering the petunias may cost more due to needing a new person doing it. Julie will send out the minutes and the financials via email to get approval. Watering the petunias may cost more due to needing a new person doing it. | More costs with banners. Brackets are missing. Going with a new company. Justin is working on this. Watering may cost. Mary Jo will follow-up. \$2000 a year to get someone to do the Concerts. Fundraising is another thing that might be outsourced. |
| PLA 2021 Spring Fundraiser   | Kevin/Julie        | Made some money.   |  |

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| <p>Future of the PLA</p> | <p>Kevin/Julie/Debby and Al</p> | <p>They met to discuss website and then they talked about the future of the PLA. There are positions that need to be filled. Julie-she is term limited can't be president after this<br/> Kevin will not be continuing after his term is up. But will volunteer.<br/> Debby will not be continuing after her term is up. But will volunteer.<br/> Susan will stay on.<br/> Jean will remain as the editor and the secretary.<br/> Nikki will continue. Mary Jo will stay on the Petunia. Pig Roast this year, but not next year. Steve-stepping away from chairing the concert committee, will tutor someone new. Faye will remain as the membership head. Pat, Christmas in Onekama, wants to step away next year, will help a new head. Al will retire after this fall.</p> | <p>We can't seem to get the help and financial support we need. Al is frustrated. We have a very serious issue. Do we still need to exist? Garden Club could do Petunias. Concerts could be done by someone else.</p> <p>Pat-this is a retirement community and the same people get tapped to volunteer.</p> <p>Julie-time for finding new people, but it is very hard to get people to be in charge of any of the events.</p> <p>Al-we have tried to get more young folks, but they have so much on their plate. We have trouble with making money.</p> <p>Julie: we would like to have more events but its too hard to get more volunteers. Do what we do and do it well.</p> <p>Al: there is a way to dissolve our organization. Do we fold up the PLA?</p> <p>Julie: if we cut back on our events ?</p> <p>Debby: I don't think that will help.</p> <p>Al: fireworks, concerts and Petunias are the most valued. Onekama Days-Mary Jo has enough volunteers for Pig Roast. 1, is Al's page. PLA page is the PLAs. It could be renamed. Website would be done. Township is going to have its own website.</p> <p>Julie: website has been under discussion.</p> <p>Pat: what are our options?</p> <p>Julie: we need to have more discussion. We need input from PLA members.</p> <p>Debby: that's a can of worms....</p> <p>Al: has a friend that says it would be really bad.</p> <p>Kevin: we could approach PLA members to say we need help.</p> <p>Al: by Oct. we need to have a slate, vote in November, then approve for Jan 1.</p> <p>Faye: an article for the next newsletter about all of the opportunities.</p> <p>Julie: think we need to say we are in trouble.</p> <p>Al: we have had to recruit, no one volunteers.</p> <p>Julie: what do we need to do?</p> <p>Jean: more than 1 prong approach.</p> <p>Pat: email.</p> <p>Al: need 5 officers, up to 10 board members.</p> <p>Faye: letter to News Advocate.</p> |
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| Budget                        | Al, Julie   | No report   |  |
| Membership                    | Faye Backie   | I will probably send out reminders in mid-June, after folks get back from where they've wintered. |  |
| Fundraising                   | Al, Julie   | See below PLA Events  |  |
| PLA Events                    | Julie/Al/Kevin  |   |  |
| Petunia Parade                | Mary Jo   |   |  |
| Near & Farr Friends           | Mary Fairgrieve   | Waiting, hoping for fall start  |  |
| Concerts                      | Steve/Al  |   |  |
| Publicity                     | Al/Mary Jo/Jean   | No Report   |  |
| Facebook Pages                | Al Taylor   | No Report   |  |
| Fall Festival                 | Julie   | No Report   |  |
| Christmas in Onekama          | Pat Pomaranski  | No Report   |  |
| Website                       | Al Taylor/Kevin/Debbie/Julie  |   |  |
| Onekama Days                  | Al/Julie  | Craft show will be a great addition.  |  |
| School Projects/Scholarships  | David Maylen  |   |  |
| Lake Issues                   | Mary Reed   | No report   |  |
| Banners/Lights                | Justin  |   |  |
| Welcome Committee             | Mary Jo   | No Report   |  |
| <b>Old Business-Follow up</b> |   |   |  |
| New Banners                   | Jean/Nikki  | Tabled until next year.   |  |
| Newsletter                    | Jean  | Articles due by 6/15  |  |
| <b>New Business</b>           |   |   |  |
| Public Comment                | This public comment is for any of the special agenda items that are covered | None.   |  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>            | Julie Lapinski  | 7:24  | Al Taylor moved to adjourn, Dave Maylen seconded and unanimously approved by those present. Julie adjourned the meeting at 7:32. |