

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION

July 8, 2026

6:00PM

Regular Board Meeting

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 PM. 15 PLA board members / committee heads attended. Attendees were Cyndy Wangbichler, Evie McNeil, Mary Jo McElroy, Susan Halloran, Kathy Loynes, Jane Foster, Joe Suchocki, Roz Jaffe, Mark Miller, Kathy Cyr, Lauralee Ryan, Sally Koon, Amber Sedelmaier, Diane Wemlinger, and Tim Mostowy. Ellie Brown was present as a guest.	
Additions to the Agenda	Addition to the agenda was liquor license for beer tent during Onekama Days.	
Consent Agenda	The Consent Agenda consisted of June 3, 2026, minutes and June financials. There were no changes to either. Sally Koon made a motion to approve the minutes and to accept the financial report. Amber Sedelmaier seconded. The motion passed without discussion or dissent.	Mary Jo to get June minutes posted at Onekama.info .
Correspondence	We received a thank you from West Shore Community College for the \$1500 donation to the Frank English Scholarship Fund there. This completes our commitment from the 2023 Car Show proceeds.	
COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS		
Artisan Market	Amber Sedelmaier proposed changing the date of the Artisan Market from November 21 to November 28. She and Tara Lyman will co-chair the event with help from Joe Suchocki. Amber's rationale was three-fold:	Amber to check availability on 11/28 at the School

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	1) 11/28 is Small Business Saturday in Manistee and she thinks we can encourage small businesses in Onekama to participate and be open for something special that day; 2) Manistee is holding a crafts fair on 11/21 which would compete with ours; and 3) football and volleyball playoffs would be over so we would have access to students to help (and co-chairs to be available!).	Cindy Pons and Mary Jo McElroy to consider greens in the hanging planters with solar lights Kathy Loynes to consider whether to move the Celebration of Lights from 11/22 to the following weekend
Update on fireworks, banners, and lights	Tim Mostowy updated the group about: • Fireworks – met with Paul Mueller; getting documentation; vendor wants to get them done as early as possible; agreed not to start before 10 PM • Two banners came loose; Tim got them fixed • Tim working to contact new electrician at Consumers Energy about that project	Tim will send documentation about fireworks to Mary Jo
Summer Cocktail Party	2026 update of documentation is complete and on PLA Google Drive. Thanks to Jane Foster and Susan Halloran for the job well done!	
NEW BUSINESS		
Letter of Support / Garden Club	Mary Jo McElroy, representing the Portage Lake Garden Club, briefly highlighted the project to restore the Memorial Fountain in the Onekama Village Park. She requested that the PLA submit a letter of support for the project, given that the PLA sponsors most events in the park. Diane Wemlinger made a motion to send a letter of support; Susan Halloran seconded and the motion passed. Cyndy Wangbichler agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the PLGC. Joe Suchocki suggested that we might want to approach Onekama Collaborative Recovery team for financial assistance.	Cyndy Wangbichler to write a letter of support for the Memorial Fountain project
Liquor License	Mary Jo McElroy made a motion to approve applying for a liquor license for the beer tent in the park on August 8. Mark Miller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Cyndy will prepare the forms, get them notarized, and make the application.	Cyndy to follow through on liquor license application

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Brand Presentation	Ellie Brown presented slides with suggestions for new branding elements for Onekama Community Connection (formerly PLA). She included images, color palette, fonts, icons, etc. with examples of how the new brand could be used on banners, hats, shirts, etc. The team gave input to use a roadway versus pine trees on the icon; Ellie will work on that and send out an updated version. Fonts used are Picnic Club and Poppins.	Ellie to create updated version of branding elements and send out for input
OTHER BUSINESS		
Next meeting	The next meeting will be on September 2 at 6 PM.	
Adjournment	Susan Halloran made a motion to adjourn, Roz Jaffe seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.	

Submitted by Mary Jo McElroy