

# PLA Monthly Regular

## Board of Director's Meeting Sept. 7, 2016

09/07/16  
7:00 PM  
Farr  
Center

**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:**

Diane Bess - President  
Julie Lapinski -Vice President  
Evie McNeil Treasurer  
Faye Backie- Secretary  
Al Taylor – Past President

**Board of Directors**

Frank English, Paul Mueller  
Pat Pomaranski, Al Garbrecht  
Barb Wolverton, Mary Fairgrieve  
Nikki Torrey, Jean Capper  
Susan Barnard, Cynthia Kadzban

**Committee Heads**

Jon Phillips, Tammy Messner  
Jeff Sternberger, Chuck Reed  
Mary Reed, Susan Halloran  
Roz Jaffe, Steve Szilvagy, Margaret Panches, Jamie Miester  
Pat Pomaranski, Bruce Peabody, Marilyn Acker

### Minutes

Order of Business	Person Responsible	Report, or <i>To Do</i> list	Action Plan
Call to Order, Introductions	Bess	Bess called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Attendees: Bess, Taylor, McNeil, Backie, Garbrecht, Barnard, Pomaranski, Phillips, Reed, Halloran and Mueller. Bess said that PLA had received thank you cards from Emma Putney, a scholarship recipient, and Tom Gerhardt, Citizen of the Year recipient.	
Secretary's Report	Backie	Backie presented the August minutes. Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Barnard seconded.	The August 2016 minutes were accepted.
Treasurer's Report	McNeil	McNeil presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that if anyone has questions about the report, please ask her. Backie made a motion to accept the report; Mueller seconded. Bess reminded the group of the special meeting on Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> to discuss budget and our purpose and mission.	The August 2016 Treasurer's report was accepted.  Special meeting – Sept. 22, 7 – 9pm, Farr Center
Petunia Parade	Phillips/Messner	Phillips said the rollup date is Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> .and that the planting date is May 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Petunia planting – May 24, 2017.
Newsletter	Capper	Bess said articles for the October <i>Newsletter</i> are due Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Articles for the October <i>Newsletter</i> are due Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Fundraiser	Taylor/Bess	Bess noted that there will be a meeting of the Committee on Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> to review the event. The analysis has been done. If you have any ideas about fund raising, contact Bess.	Fund Raiser Committee will meet September 14 <sup>th</sup> for recap.
Website	Taylor	Taylor mentioned that more functionality is being added to the site. Tourist guide books are something that would be useful.	
Membership	Backie	Backie noted that she's going to delete some of the members who have not paid for several years. There has been discussion of merging the Membership (ad hoc) Committee with the Membership Chair.	
Lake Issues	M. Reed	Reed reported that the Eurasian milfoil will probably be treated again. Japanese knotweed is back behind the Blue Slipper. It will be treated. The Invasive Species is looking at a new non-native narrow-leaf cattail. The Watershed Plan needs to be updated every 10	

		years. It's expensive to update but it's good to have the Federal approval when applying for grants Swimmer's Itch Study is ongoing. It doesn't seem to be a big problem in Portage Lake. The Watershed is a recipient of funding from 100 Women Who Care. The money will be put toward a stream restoration project.	
Banners and Christmas decorations	C. Reed	Taylor noted that he has three requests for banners. It was also mentioned that the flags (put up by another group) need to be replaced.	
Fall Festival	Sternberger/Halloran	Halloran said that Marilyn Acker is chairing the Scarecrow contest. Sternberger has 20 – 30 vendors lined up and there will be a pet parade in the circle near the lake.	
Winter Fest	Jamie Meister	Taylor reported that Winter Fest has been cancelled. He talked with Roz Jaffe about doing something with the Lions in the fall or winter.	
Concerts	Szilvagy/Taylor	Taylor said the committee is meeting soon.	
Facebook Pages	Taylor	Taylor said Facebook is going great	
Farr Friends	Fairgrieve	No report.	
Publicity	Backie/Taylor	Taylor noted that M-22 has been designated a scenic heritage route.	
Onkama Days	Taylor/Szilvagy/Peabody/ English/Mueller	Taylor reported that the events did well, raising approximately \$3,200 for scholarships and school projects.	
Christmas in Onkama	Pomaranski/ Sternberger	Pomaranski reported that everything is on track. Half the vendors have signed up and have some new vendors this year. Barnard said that the Celebration of Lights will take place on Sunday. Taylor noted that envelopes for the Celebration will go out with the ballot for Board of Directors. \$500 will be needed for envelopes. Taylor made a motion – seconded by Mueller – to increase the Celebration budget by \$300.	
Welcome Committee	Fairgrieve, Lapinski/Backie	No report.	
E. Sorenson Memorial Fund	Fairgrieve	No report until October.	
New Business	Bess/Taylor	1) Recognition Dinner – Discussion but no resolution. 2) Slate of Officers, BOD – In October a letter will go out. December will be the installation of new Board members.	
Public Comment, Adjournment	This public comment is for any of the special agenda items that are covered.	No comment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.	