

# PLA Monthly Regular

10/10/18

6:00 PM

## Board of Directors Meeting Oct. 10, 2018

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:**

Julie Lapinski- President  
Kevin Wolverton -Vice President  
Evie McNeil - Treasurer  
Mary Jo McElroy- Secretary  
Al Taylor – Past President

**Board of Directors**

Nikki Torrey, Al Garbrecht  
Frank English, Jean Capper  
Susan Halloran, Jon Phillips  
John Wemlinger, Wendell Brooks  
Vicki Strevey, Shelli Johnson

**Committee Heads**

Jon Phillips, Mary Jo McElroy  
Jeff Sternberger, Susan Halloran  
Chuck Reed, Mary Reed  
Steve Szilvagy, Al Taylor,  
Paul Mueller, Frank English  
Faye Backie, Roz Jaffe  
John Wemlinger, Pat Pomaranski  
Frank English, Susan Barnard  
Margaret PUNCHES, Mary Fairgrieve  
Julie Lapinski, Jean Capper

### Minutes

Order of Business	Person Responsible	Report / Discussion	Action Plan
Call to Order, Introductions	Lapinski	Lapinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Lapinski, Wolverton, McElroy, Taylor, Garbrecht, Phillips, Wemlinger, Brooks, Johnson, Sternberger, Jaffe, and Pomaranski. Guest: Rob Johnson. Lapinski circulated a thank you note from Marilyn Acker in response to a gift for her years of service to the Petunia Parade.	
Consent Calendar	Lapinski	Lapinski presented the consent calendar for tonight's meeting and asked for discussion or comments. Taylor mentioned that, although the PLA does not have funds invested in money market funds or CDs, this can be considered. Johnson made a motion to approve the September 12 minutes; Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a vote of those present. The treasurer's report needs to have a few classification errors corrected, but the overall report is accurate. Phillips made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Wolverton seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.	McElroy to get September 12, 2018 minutes posted at Onekama.info  McNeil to investigate possibility of MMFs and/or CDs to manage funds
Membership	Backie	No report.	
Fundraising	Taylor	Taylor reported that cash donations are above budgeted amount, but income from auctions is below budget due to lack of eFlea capability. The overage does not fully cover the negative variance. Cost control has been very good this year.	
Citizen of the Year	Wemlinger / PUNCHES	No report.	
Petunia Parade	McElroy	No report.	
Near and Farr Friends	Fairgrieve	No report.	
Concerts	Szilvagy	No report.	
Publicity	Backie	No report.	

Facebook pages	Taylor	Statistics are very good. Taylor continues to get many requests for postings.	
Fall Festival	Lapinski / McElroy / Taylor / Brooks	Posters for the Fall Festival and Pet Parade were circulated for viewing, as well as the program brochure. Questions and answers followed about some incidentals on schedule. Sternberger mentioned that he is still seeking a pony; some options were discussed. Overall, things are in place for Saturday.	Implement as planned
Christmas In Onekama	Pomaranski	Pomaranski reported that she has 25 arts and crafts vendors confirmed. Arts and crafts will take place from 10 AM to 3 PM, chili cookoff from 11 AM to 2 PM, and dinner at M-22 Grill from 5 PM to 7 PM. Frank English is unable to put up the Christmas Village at Farr Center this year. The Portage Lake Garden Club will decorate a tree inside. Chuck Reed has confirmed that lights will be placed on street poles. Brett Mathieu will put lights on the blue spruce (the one next to the Farr Center) with Kevin Wolverton's help. We will need to consider hiring a professional tree-lighter next year. Brett has done this for us (free) for 12 plus years. There may be more than enough lights purchased; we may be able to share them with the business organization if they pursue lighting a tree in the Village Park.	Continue as planned
Website	Taylor	Onekama Township had a cost overrun which has been resolved for this year and next.	
Onekama Days	Taylor / McElroy / Szilvagy	No report.	
Scholarships	Jaffe	Jaffe presented the notion that the PLA allocate \$452 of the funds ear-marked for "scholarships and school projects" to reward students for activities during "college" month. October is set aside for activities (e.g., daily announcements, contests, decorating, etc.) to spark interest in post-secondary education of any type. \$327 will be used for contest prizes and the balance will be spent on pizza for seniors. Torrey will be submitting invoices for class trips held in 2018. Everyone was in favor of using the funds in this way so that more children are impacted.	
Lake Issues	Reed	No report.	
Banners / Christmas décor	English / Reed	Reed is on top of this; he is managing our five-year contract to have Christmas lights put on street poles. Tree lighting will take place on Sunday, November 18.	
<b>Old Business-Follow up</b>			
Newsletter	Lapinski	October newsletter should be out within the week.	
<b>New Business</b>			
Slate of candidates	Taylor	Taylor represented a committee that came up with a slate of officers. The slate was previously emailed to all board and committee heads prior to this meeting. Some positions are in the midst of a multi-year term and will not be voted on this time. The ballot will be sent out with the Celebration of Lights envelopes. Results will be tallied for the November meeting.	Lapinski to sent ballot out

2019 Budget	Taylor	Work on the 2019 budget will begin soon. Per the by-laws, the budget must be approved by February of the fiscal year.	Committee heads to begin work on budget soon
Annual Safetyup <sup>®</sup> Program	McElroy for McNeil	McNeil received a request from the Manistee County Sheriff Office requesting a donation for their educational program about drugs, safety, sexting, dangerous people, etc. The program is modeled after one in Mason County. After some discussion, this opportunity to contribute was declined. No action is necessary.	
Public Comment	This public comment is for any of the special agenda items that are covered	Johnson mentioned that she heard the Manistee County Fair will be changed to the “last week of July”. No other details were available.	
Adjournment	Lapinski	The meeting was adjourned by Lapinski at 6:50 PM.	