

Portage Lake Association Minutes

Onekama, Michigan

Date: January 3, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7PM by President Roger Cody.

PRESENT: Dan Behring, Judy Blackmore, Frank English, George Punches, Margaret Punches, Nancy Cody, Roger Cody, Dave Combs, Jim Simons, Chuck Reed, Mary Reed.

MINUTES: December 5th, 2007 minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: January 2nd, 2008 net worth = \$19,029.94. Frank English moved to approve, Chuck Reed seconded. Approved. Invoice for dues will be sent with the next President's newsletter. We will attempt to collect some past due 2007 dues.

BUDGET 2008: Balanced at \$30,100. Discussion: Some banners will need to be replaced this year. Also need to buy more spring brackets for the banners. We have 22 banners. (We have 33 Christmas decorations and only 31 are up this year.) Dave Combs will get 3 bids for new banners and will report back at the next meeting. Website budget was increased in an attempt to improve the site. Frank English moved to approve budget and Jim Simons seconded. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **WATER QUALITY:** There is a Watershed Forever meeting scheduled to discuss the coordination of activities and the finances. Monies collected will still be funneled through the Manistee Foundation. PLA could possibly be of help to coordinate and centralize activities. There is a question as to where the momentum for ongoing activities is going to come from. Chuck Reed will attend the Watershed Forever meeting with Roger at 9AM on January 9th.
- 2) **SIGNAGE:** Roger will write an update on the new village sign and where we are with the design and finances. A grant was received, the sign is in the final design stages, but additional funds are required as a condition of the grant. Roger will ask for public donations of \$10-\$35 dollars in his next PLA newsletter.
- 3) **FUNDRAISER:** There will be a meeting on January 9th at 1:30 to start work on this year's fundraiser. The date for the fundraiser has been set for June 14th, 2008.
- 4) **JOINT TOWNSHIP/VILLAGE COMMISSION:** Dan Behring reported that the village and township councils have met to discuss a joint effort to develop a master plan in regards to zoning and development. If approved by both entities grant monies would be available to support that effort.
- 5) **CONCERTS IN THE PARK:** We will have 8 concerts this year and Margaret reported that 5

concerts have been scheduled. She is working on a special "red white and blue" big band concert for June 29 or 30th.

6) HARBOR COMMITTEE: Funding for dredging the harbor channel has been approved. The committee is still discussing means of assessment to maintain the channel and lake.

7) The municipal marina is still being discussed. The Marina committee (Jim Simons, Frank English, Roger Cody and Dave Combs) validate they're still working on approvals and funding, but funding, while approved, is tied up in committee. Given the states financial problems, they are not optimistic about a release of funds in the near future.

MANISTEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Roger read a request for membership. \$100 for membership was approved.

2008 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

President.....Roger Cody
Vice President.....Chuck Reed
Treasurer.....Barbara Wolverton
Secretary.....Mary Reed/Jane Mueller
1 year term.....Frank English
 Paul Mueller
3 year term.....Jim Simons
 Dave Combs

Roger will appoint 2 more members to the board to bring it up to 10 members per our charter. He will approach the village and township boards for possible new members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Mary Reed, Secretary