

Portage Lake Association Minutes

Onekama, Michigan

Date: April 4, 2007

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

Present: Dave Combs, Bob Wendt, Alice Hendricks, Doug Schultz, Margaret Panches, Nancy and Dan Behring, Frank and Linda English, Jane and Paul Mueller, Roger and Nancy Cody, Chuck and Mary Reed

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as mailed

Treasurer's report: Dave Combs distributed the financials. A 50% down payment has been made on the fireworks. Frank moved and Nancy Cody seconded that the treasurers report be accepted. Passed

Committee reports:

Watershed/Marina Initiative - Roger and Frank gave a report on the meeting they attended in Lansing with Bob Wendt, Tim Ervin and Mike Acton. They met with William Boik, Jordan Byelich and Keith Wilson from the DNR to discuss a possible public marina on Portage Lake. It was a positive meeting and much discussion followed on how to best convey this information to the people in the village. It was decided that Frank English would attend the next village meeting and propose that the village have a public meeting to inform everyone in the community of the pros and cons of a public marina. It would then be on the agenda for the May village meeting. Tim Ervin and Mike Acton would also be asked to help with getting accurate information to everyone.

Fireworks - Paul Mueller reported that Doug Hobert has been given the money to purchase the fireworks. It is planned that they will be similar to last year. \$3850 has been budgeted.

Calendars/Story of Portage - The current calendars are getting a little old so Paul suggested the price be lowered to \$4.00 each since we still have approximately 100 left. They will be sold at the concerts and the Fund Raiser and also placed in local stores. Paul made the motion and Frank seconded and the motion was passed to lower the price. The Story of Portage continues to sell well and Paul will check on our current supply.

Concerts In The Park ? Margaret inquired if final approval has been received on the placement of the banner so she can place the order. Roger will check with Bill Kelly at Consumers. The banner will be placed above the current banners and can be left up all summer.

Fund Raiser - Roger presented a draft letter that will be sent to all past contributors. The letter asks for their support again this year, lists some of the PLA initiatives and explains the new

financial categories for contributors. It was approved with corrections and will be sent out the first of next week. A flyer about the fund raiser will be included in the mailing

Newsletter/Presidents Letter:

The Presidents letter will be sent out soon and will tell about the fund raiser. It was recommended that a separate dues notice should be a part of that letter. There was discussion on the lack of timely minutes of meetings. It was also noted that the web page is not being kept up to date. The minutes from tonight's meeting are to be sent to Dendra tomorrow so they can get on the web site immediately. The Newsletter mailing was also discussed. Another issue will be sent out in June and will include information from several local civic organizations. The mailing list will be expanded. Left over copies of the current Newsletter will be placed in the local stores.

Committees:

Roger distributed a list of 7 new committee designations and current members. The committees are: Marketing, Water Resources, Infrastructure, Tourism, Cultural, Beautification, Special Events. Membership on these committees will be expanded as they are developed.

Other:

Small Town and Rural Development Conference - Roger will attend this conference at Crystal Mountain on April 24-26.

Photo - Dave reported that he has given permission to the Manistee Co. Economic Development Office and the Portage Lake Watershed Committee to use our Portage Lake picture with credits given to the PLA. He also reported that placemats are being printed that will include information on our fund raiser, and other events.

Roger moved that the meeting be adjourned and Margaret seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Reed, Acting Secretary