

Portage Lake Association Minutes

Onekama, Michigan

Date: June 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Barb Wolverton, President.

Secretary's report from last meeting was presented. Frank English moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Nancy Cody. Passed.

Treasurer's report was presented. Jim Simons moved to accept the report. Frank seconded the motion. Passed.

Members present were Jim Simons, Dave Combx, Margaret Punches, Nancy Cody, David Yarnell, Pam Schroeder, Marilyn Acker, Roger Cody, Frank English, Linda English, Barbara Wolverton, and Beverly Bauer.

Donations received for the fundraiser were presented and discussion pursued regarding how to best acknowledge them and express our gratitude.

Old Business: Petunia parade is completed for this year and the money situation looks good.

Onekama Marine has requested a donation for their free fishing week end. Dave Combs moved that we donate \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Frank. Passed.

Mike Acton and Dave Meister presented information regarding the additional water testing being undertaken. In the past, Mr. Hunter's High School Classes had been testing three sites in the middle of the lake. They did a fine job. The difficulty is that by the time a problem shows up in the center of the lake, it is a serious problem. Under the new program, more sites are being tested and the tests are more comprehensive. By testing perimeter locations, we are being more proactive and problems will be found before they become a big problem. At this time there is no known problem. This action is strictly preventative. Contributions are needed. Frank moved that we donate \$300.00 to this fund and request the ability to post results of the testing on our web site. Seconded by Jim. Passed.

Mike and Dave also presented the Portage Lake Watershed Management Portage Lake Association. It affects 4 townships and is only in the beginning stages of development. What it will do for us is: 1) Allow us to be more proactive in educating people about Portage Lake living. For example, warnings about over-fertilizing, etc. could be given. 2) It will help us to qualify for grant monies. 3) It will help the Portage Lake Association commission, 4) It will involve the schools more.

\$225,000 has been requested by Senator Levin's office for dredging of the canal. This would take Portage Lake Association in 2007. We will not know whether this was approved, or not, for about 10 days. Several of us had received replies to letters we had written to law-makers

regarding this issue, but they were all identical form letter replies.

The citizen of the year nominations were discussed and a vote was taken to determine the winner. To be announced.

Fireworks: Paul was not here, so no report was given.

Calendars: Paul was not here, but Roger said that it looked like they would be ready in time.

Concerts: The Farr center has been requested as an alternative site on rain days. This was necessary because we have to pay the artists even when we cancel. A banner, similar to the ones advertising Onekama days, was requested for the Concerts in the Park. Frank is to investigate costs, durability, etc. and let us know what the possibilities are. Beverly made a motion that we try "passing the hat" to help defray the costs of these concerts for one year. We will then evaluate this process. Frank seconded the motion. Passed.

Frank was asked if he had any information on the standardizing of the brackets for the Christmas decorations. He is waiting on Christine at Michigan Decorations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Bauer Secretary