

**PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
September 3rd, 2008**

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

PRESENT: : Eric Beeman, Judy Blackmore, Doug Callaway, Dave Combs, Frank and Linda English, Jane and Paul Mueller, Chuck and Mary Reed, Jim Simons, Barb Wolverton , Suzanne Schwing

MINUTES: Copies of the August minutes were distributed. Jim Simons moved, Dave Combs seconded, minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial report as of 9/3/08 was distributed by Treasurer Barb Wolverton. Barb noted that she has moved \$10,000 from checking to savings. She also distributed a comparison of 2005,2006,2007,2008 budgets. Chuck moved, Jim seconded, report approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: 1. Roger reported that **the board retreat** should be postponed until after the October 23rd Portage Lake Watershed meeting. 2. **Fundraiser review meeting** will be held at the Alpine at 11 AM on September 23rd 2008. 3. With the collections at the Monday night concerts the **net cost of the concerts** was around \$1,000. 4. Roger read a letter praising the concerts from Doc Woody Music Inc. 5. **Fall festival** – Roger distributed a letter from Jeff Sternberger about the Fall Festival. There was discussion about the Festival and possible changes we might make for next year. The budget for this event was approved. Store owners will be encouraged to offer special sales during this time. 6.. Mary asked that if we are able to do a **Phragmites demonstration project** this fall would the PLA be willing to contribute to this project? Chuck moved and Nancy seconded the motion to fund \$2,000 towards a phragmites demonstration project. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

SIGN: Doug Calloway reported that the Onekama sign project was approved by the township board tonight. He will set the date for the ground breaking and pictures

Chili Cook Of and Celebration of lights will be held on November 22. There will be a 5 K run, Judy will contact the church choir, Dave will reserve the Farr Center, Jeff Sternberger will be contacted to help with this event. There was also discussion on having a Winter Festival on Portage Lake in February and the possibility of having an ice skating rink in the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating committee – Paul Mueller, Jim Simons and Dave Combs volunteered to serve on this committee.

Portage Lake Wetlands project - Suzanne Schwing presented an update on this project. She has applied for a grant of 350,000 toward the purchase price for 380 feet of lake front next to the Farr Center. The plan is to make this a "quiet park" with a large dock to view the lake and wetlands. It would have picnic tables and benches. DNR is supporting this park. The National Association of physically handicapped is involved to assure that it is handicapped accessible. She will know by the end of December if she is successful with the grants. The sign was donated by Armor Sign and is up in the location that the park would be.

Website report – Eric Beeman did not have anything to report at this time. The site is being regularly updated with new information.

Submitted by

Mary Reed
Secretary

