

Portage Lake Association Board Meeting:

MINUTES August 4th, 20009

Our Mission: *We have a common goal of improving the quality of life in the Onekama area.*

Board Member:

George Punches, President
 Chuck Reed – Vice President
 Barb Wolverton – Treasurer
 Mary Reed – Secretary
 Roger Cody – Past President

Board of Directors/1yr

Eric Beeman
 Doug Calloway

Board of Directors 2/yrs

Jim Simons
 Dave Combs
 Frank English

| Order of Business | Person Responsible | Report/discussion | Action Plan |
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| Call to order | George Punches | | 07:00:00 PM |
| Introductions | George Punches | All board members present except Frank English. Also present: Margaret Punches, Lee LaFleur, Judy Blackmore, Bill and Peg Hays. | |
| Secretary's Report | Mary Reed | Minutes were sent to the board by email prior to the meeting. Dave moved, Roger seconded that the minutes be approved. | Motion carried |
| Treasurer's report | Barb Wolverton | Treasurer's report was distributed. Chuck moved and Doug seconded that the report be accepted. | Motion carried |
| President's report | George Punches | <p>President's report is attached.</p> <p>George met with Judy Ball from the CBV.</p> <p>1. Update on M22. Mission is to bring people to our area. Marketing is to people outside our area as far away as Chicago. Barb is on the CVB board of directors. Planning commissions is also working on M22.</p> <p>2. Winter Festival – Onekama was the only one that participated in this last year. Date for next year has not yet been decided. Discussed PLA's participation for next year.</p> <p>Portable stage for the park. A bandshell has been suggested. Drawbacks are:</p> <p>1. It's a permanent structure and would inhibit the master plan for redesign of the park and the other activities in the park. (Is there a plan?)</p> <p>2. Structure with a roof is not the best for concerts and sound.</p> <p>Suggestion: Portable stage – 18" high</p> <p>1. This is a suggestion by the bands.</p> <p>2. Would improve sound and visibility.</p> <p>3. George reported that a 18" high 8' x</p> | |

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| | | <p>12' stage would cost \$1400 from a company in Clare.</p> <p>4. Electrical outlet & lights might be an option for late summer concerts.</p> <p>This discussion was followed by discussion of the village park:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Master plan for the park? 2. The Village Park is the most used and could use some updating. 3. What is the relationship between the Parks and Recreation Committee and the township and village? 4. What is the park budget for the village, township and P&R committee? 5. Dave noted that it's a village park and Alice Hendricks and Ralph Drum are in charge. 6. PLA could make it a 2010 focus to help P & R and village to work on a master plan for improvements to the park? 7. Doug Calloway would like to see the site plan and would be willing to work with the Village and the Parks and Recreation Committee on the development of a master plan. | Doug and Mary will attend the August Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to obtain more information and report back to the board. |
| Committee Reports | | | |
| Newsletter | Margaret PUNCHES | August Newsletter looks great. Thank you Margaret for a nice job. | |
| Fund Raiser | Lee LaFleur | June 19, 2010 is the date for next year's fund raiser. Lee will soon have a signed contract. First donation has been received from Mike Morris. | |
| Sign | Doug Calloway | After the Italian dinner, we will know how much we owe on the sign. We can then send out notices asking for donations? Still looking into solar lighting for the signs. | |
| Fireworks | | Everything is in place. They will be shooting off a 16" shell. | |
| Italian Dinner Fund Raiser.. | Roger Cody | Dinner will be held from 5-7PM on August 22nd. He needs volunteers to be host and hostesses and 6 people to bus tables. Roger will have a list of donations that are needed. PLA to help with advertising. Posters by August 1 st . Cost of the meal is a "free will" offering. | Roger will keep us updated. |
| Banners | Dave Combs | Banner by Doug Schultz home is loose and will be fixed. Because of our investment in Xmas Decorations, Dave | |

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| | | recommends we stay with our current company.. We will need to sign a new contract. | |
| Website | Eric Beeman | No report | |
| Concerts in the Park | Margaret PUNCHES | We have collected \$1575 in donations to date. Last year it was 2,000. Variety and quality of the music has been great. | |
| Membership | Roger Cody | Roger has been making calls to people who want to get involved. | |
| End of Summer dinner/dance | Lee LaFleur | Currently have about 50 paid attendees for the Summers End Dinner/Dance at the Portage Point Inn. Lots of other things are going on that night. | Board members are encouraged to attend and work on encouraging others to attend. |
| OLD BUSINESS: | | | |
| Postcards | Judy Blackmore | Judy has had postcards made by Pioneer Press. We will use these as publicity and Judy will sell these to businesses at 3/\$1.00. They cost us 0.49 each.. | |
| Thank you notes | | Judy will do the thank yous for the sign and Margaret will also send out thank yous. The importance of thank you notes was discussed. | |
| Nominating Committee | | Slate of officers will be presented at the September meeting. | |
| New Business | | | |
| Love Inc. | Roger Cody | Someone from Love Inc in Manistee will do a presentation at our October meeting. | |
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| Meeting adjourned | George PUNCHES | 08:30:00 PM | Submitted by Mary Reed |