

The Portage Lake Community Five-Year Plan for Parks and Recreation in the Village of Onkama, Onkama Township, and the Onkama Consolidated Schools

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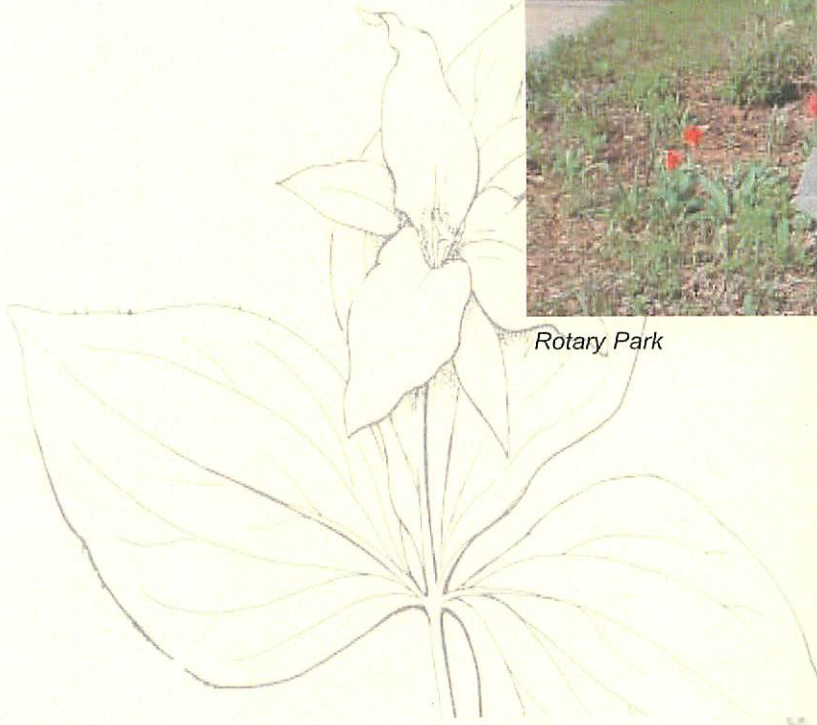
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Rotary Park



Carden Park



Boy Scout Thomas Koon Plans His Landscaping Project at North Point Park

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North Point Park



Memorial Fountain,
Onekama Village Park



Glen Park

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL



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To Our Friends Reviewing This Document—

Here is the draft of The Portage Lake Community Five-Year Plan for Parks and Recreation in the Village of Onekama, Onekama Township, and the Onekama Consolidated Schools, February, 2009. It is the third Plan that has been written by the Onekama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee.

Although the Plan is required to apply for grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, it also is of value to the local Community in that it gives us—

- ❖ an assessment of what we have for parks and recreation;
- ❖ goals, objectives, and action programs for the development and use of what we have and what we would like to have; and
- ❖ a public relations tool that brings the Community into the thought process and rallies its support, which is necessary for a viable parks and recreation program.

The appearance and mention of flora, fauna, water, and sand throughout this document should bring an immediate realization that our parks and recreation are strongly related to the natural resources that exist in Onekama Township and Village. They are the bases of our program here.

We have already had much input from the Community in the vision and student sessions that were conducted by Beckett & Raeder in the spring and summer of 2008 for the Onekama Community Master Plan, and express appreciation to John Iacoangeli, principal of the firm, for letting us use this material. We are now looking forward to the November 17 public meeting, in which the final verbal and written input will be received from those

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who have reviewed the draft of the Plan. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Onekama Township Hall.

During this public meeting, members of the Committee will note any additions, deletions, and corrections to the 2009 Plan, and make appropriate revisions. At a special meeting following, the Committee will vote to recommend the document for adoption by the three governing bodies that represent the entities involved in the Plan. These governing bodies will vote to adopt the document through individual resolutions in February, 2009, the month in which the current Plan expires. The governing bodies will also sign individual Community Recreation Plan Certification Checklists.

It is our hope that The Portage Lake Community Five-Year Plan for Parks and Recreation in the Village of Onekama, Onekama Township, and the Onekama Consolidated Schools, February, 2009, will be enlightening as well as inspiring to all who read it. Comments, questions, and concerns should be directed to the Onekama Township Office at 5435 Main Street, P. O. Box 458, Onekama, MI 49675-0458, (231) 889-3308 or fax at (231) 889-5587, onekamatwp@charterinternet.com.

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