

# Friends of Portage Lakes State Park

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Minutes of the Meeting  
Friends of Portage Lakes State Park Board  
Thursday, June 9, 2011 (Approved by board, September 8, 2011 with corrections)

The June meeting of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park was held at Dietz's Landing, 401 West Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Akron, OH. A quorum was present.

Present: Larry Hunter, Tom Fry, Tom Burge, Mark Snyder, Lynn Stamp, and Lew Stamp  
Guest: Jerry Davis and Andrew Goodwin

Larry Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Guest Speaker, (Guest, Andrew Goodwin.)

Guest, Andrew Goodwin of Boy Scout Troop #118 provided the board with an overview of his Eagle Scout project in conjunction with Buckeye Dock Dogs. Mr. Goodwin is building a dock at the current dog park at the request of Ohio State Park. Mr. Goodwin's is currently out of funds and seeking support from other groups in the Portage Lakes. He will report to the board in a few days the amount needed to finish his project.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

**Tom Burge motion for approval of the board meeting minutes of May 12, 2011 meeting as submitted, motion second by Tom Fry, all were in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report (Larry Hunter):

President Hunter reported on the status of Pirate Days in the Portage Lakes and the events and programs related to the group. Hunter feels that in order for the group to move forward we need additional funds and Pirate Day's is one way in which the group can receive the additional funds needed for its projects.

Vice President's Report (Tom Fry)

Vice President Fry reported that he is working with Bisesi's on finalizing the Bike-A-Thon for Pirate Days and the maps should be finalized by the end of the week. Fry will have additional information at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Tom Burge)

Treasurer Burge reported that the current cash on hand is \$6,913.25. Burge further provided the board with handouts for Chase Your Shadow profit and loss and an overall profit and loss for this year. Calendar sales for 2011 totaled 81. Reports filed subject to audit.

Secretary's Report (Mark Snyder):

No Report. Snyder asked the board for reimbursement for ~~\$22.28~~ \$22.97 for expenses of postage and a display board. **Lew Stamp made a motion to reimburse Secretary Snyder for expenses of \$22.28 for postage and a display board. Motion seconded by Tom Fry. All were in favor, motion carried.**

Director's Report (Lynn Stamp):

*Dog Park:* Stamp reported that she would like further direction on the current dog park. The current dog park has several repairs that are needed, including fence repair, new fence, and bulletin board repair. A brief discussion followed and was agreed that we will ask the membership for up to \$1,000.00 for repairs to the dog park.

Snyder reported that a community meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2011 at 6 P.M. to see if we can get community support for the new Dog Park and management of the existing dog park.

*Bird and Butterfly Trail:* Stamp asked for a status updated on the Bird and Butterfly Trail project. Hunter reported that he is currently working on getting Ohio State Parks in to remove the stumps at the location and future work would be scheduled.

*Assistant Treasurer:* Stamp would like to see the position of Assistant Treasurer filled soon and recommend Beverly Fry. Tom Fry will check with Beverly to see if she is interested in the position and will report later.

*Calendar Sales:* Stamp asked for the amount that will be paid to Michael Boyle, Experience Portage Lakes, for the Calendar Sales of 2011. Burge reported the amount at \$134.36.

*Portage Lakes Kiwanis Plant Swap Fundraiser, May 21, 2011:* Stamp reported that this was an easy event to do and was fun in the process. Snyder reported that as of June 9, 2011, one member joined after attending the event.

#### Director's Report (Lew Stamp):

Education Chairperson Stamp provided a brief report on the first speaker for the group and reported on the upcoming speaker, Deidre Betancourt. Stamp asked the board if we need a speaker for the picnic, it was the board's overall opinion not to have a speaker at the picnic and just have a "friends" meeting.

#### Old Business:

##### **Portage Lakes Pirate Days:**

Hunter reported on the status of Pirate Days in the Portage Lakes and still wants the group to do an event, i.e. 5K Run. Summit Athletic Running Club - Race Services, is providing race services. Further discussion followed regarding the 5K Run and was recommend by Tom Fry that we approached the group for full deposit amount of \$825.00 at the general membership meeting.

##### **Insurance for the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park (Mark Snyder):**

Snyder received quotes from Ayers Insurance and Huntington Insurance for \$750.00. A short discussion followed and it was recommended that we ask the group for the expense of Directors and Officers Insurance for the board at the next general membership meeting.

##### **Position on drilling and logging in Ohio State Parks (tabled to next meeting)**

##### **Park and Trail Maintenance, New Portage Lakes State Park (tabled to next meeting)**

#### New Business: No New Business.

Larry Hunter adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

~~The next meeting of the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park Board of Directors is scheduled for July 14, 2011 at 6 PM, Hook, Line & Drinkers, Inc., 530 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH 44319.~~ The Board for the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park did not meet in July and August.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Snyder, Secretary