

# Friends of Portage Lakes State Park

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Minutes of the Meeting  
Friends of Portage Lakes State Park Board  
Thursday, March 17, 2011 (Approved by board, April 14, 2011)

The March meeting of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park was held at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive Akron, OH 44319. A quorum was present.

Present: Larry Hunter, Tom Fry, Mark Snyder, and Lynn Stamp  
Absent with notice: Tom Burge  
Guests: Margaret and Jim Frost

Larry Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

## President's Report (Larry Hunter):

No Report

## Vice President's Report (Tom Fry)

No Report

## Treasurer's Report (Tom Burge / Jim Frost)

Jim Frost presented the board with a report on the state of the group financials. Report filed subject to audit. Frost further resigned as Interim Treasurer of the group pending the return of Tom Burge in April.

## Secretary's Report (Mark Snyder):

No Report

## Director's Report (Lynn Stamp):

No Report

## State Park Report (Larry Hunter):

President Hunter had a meeting with Bruce Carpenter and Todd Metz at Wingfoot State Park this morning to discuss several issues related to the FOPLSP, Portage

Lakes Purple Martin Association, and Pirate Days in the Portage Lakes a brief report follows.

President Hunter reported that either the Friends or the state need to start work on clearing the dog park / bird and butterfly trail clearing trees and debris from the area

President Hunter advised the board that Buckeye Martin Fest is scheduled for June 25, 2011 further information is forthcoming.

Hunter gave a brief overview of the issues involved in hydraulic fracturing “fracking” in the Ohio State Parks including the dangers inherit in fracturing of the land.

#### By-Law Committee Report (Margaret and Jim Frost):

Committee Chairperson Margaret Frost presented the Board with Suggested Amendments to the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park By-Laws. **Tom Fry made a motion to post the amendments to the group website before voting in April seconded by Mark Snyder all were in favor motion carried.**

#### New Business:

##### **Education:**

Hunter reported that the Portage Lakes State Park is without a naturalist this year due to state budget cuts. A possible suggestion was made that the Friends might want to donate funds to the State of Ohio and the state could match said funds to hire a naturalist for the season, this idea was tabled pending further information.

A short discussion followed regarding Friends of Portage Lakes State Park donating \$600.00 to the intern position sponsored by Portage Lakes Advisory Council and Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association, discussion was table until additional information can be obtained.

##### **Committee Formation:**

A short discussion occurred regarding committee formation with the following actions:

**It was moved by Lynn Stamp and seconded by Tom Fry that an Education Committee be formed all were in favor motion carried.**

**It was moved by Lynn Stamp and seconded by Tom Fry that a Grant Committee be formed all were in favor motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned until after the general membership meeting.

The March meeting of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park resumed at 9:10 PM.

#### **Google Grant:**

Snyder presented the group with information regarding the Google Grants program. A short discussion followed regarding the Google grant pending further review. **Mark Snyder made a motion to accept the Google grant and seconded by Tom Fry all were in favor motion carried.**

#### **Dog Park:**

A short discussion followed regarding Snyder's resignation as Dog Park Chair. Larry Hunter will head the Dog Park until one is found, Scott Shookman was suggested as a possible head of the committee discussion as tabled until additional information is sought.

**Mark Snyder made a motion to apply for the PetCo Extraordinary Gifts grant program motion seconded by Lynn Stamp. All were in favor motion carried.**

#### **Chase Your Shadow**

**Mark Snyder made a motion to restrict \$2,000.00 for the 2012 Chase Your Shadow 5K Race / Walk seconded by Lynn Stamp. All were in favor motion carried.**

#### **Portage Lakes Kiwanis Donation**

**Mark Snyder made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center seconded by Lynn Stamp. All were in favor motion carried.** Hunter will bring the check to the Wednesday, March 23, 2011 meeting as a Happy Dollar to the group.

Tom Fry made motion of adjournment at 10:05 PM seconded by Mark Snyder. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park Board of Directors is scheduled for April 14, 2011 at 6 PM Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Snyder, Secretary