

# Friends of Portage Lakes State Park

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Minutes of the Meeting  
Friends of Portage Lakes State Park  
Thursday, May 19, 2011  
(Approved by board, September 15, 2011)

The May meeting of 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 (President), Tom Fry (Vice President), Mark Snyder (Secretary), Tom Burge (Treasurer), Lynn Stamp (Director), Lew Stamp (Director), Jerry Davis, Laura Davis, Jim Frost, Paul Knoebel, Sarah Matheny, Polly Price, Betty Seeley, and Chuck Seeley.

Guests: Mary Antenora, Deidre Betancourt, Marlene Maxwell Costigain, and Judy Giovainni.

Larry Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Lew Stamp introduced the guest speaker for the evening Sarah Matheny a naturalist with the Metro Parks serving Summit County.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

**Mark Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted to the group via email for the April 21, 2011 meeting. Tom Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.**

## President's Report (Larry Hunter):

No Report

## Vice President's Report (Tom Fry)

No Report

## Secretary Report (Mark Snyder)

Mark Snyder reported that the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park has received non-profit status from the United States Postal Service for mailing rates.

## Treasurer's Report (Tom Burge)

Treasurer Burge gave a brief overview of the status of the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park financial information for 2010 we ended the year with a balance of \$4,397.66 and 22 paid members. Burge further reported that he is working on finishing the data for 2011 at this time. Report filed subject to audit.

Tom Fry made a motion that Friends of Portage Lakes State Park close and balance the books on the 2011 Portage Lakes Calendar fundraiser. Lynn Stamp seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Director's Report (Lynn Stamp)

Lynn Stamp attended Environmental Lobby Day at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus on May 4, 2011. She and husband Lew Stamp, FoPLSP education chair, had lunch with Senator Tom Sawyer, State Rep Todd McKenney and State Rep Vernon Syke. The preservation of natural areas and environmental concerns were discussed.

Director's Report (Lew Stamp)

Lew Stamp, education chair, reported that the education committee has met two times in May to discuss education programs for the Friends.

**Announcements:**

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Symposium, Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks

Tom Burge reported that it was an interesting meeting with useful information on fracking, insurance, and grants. He further stated he passed information on grants to Mark Snyder for review and submission. Larry Hunter feels that the Friends needs to take a position on fracking and logging in the Ohio State Parks. Discussion followed regarding fracking and the Friends position. Lew Stamp and Tom Fry would like additional information on the subject and Tom Burge feels that we need to fight for the state parks as it is in our mission as the Friends group. Lew Stamp recommends that we schedule a guest speaker on the subject.

**Committee Reports:**

Education Committee (Lew Stamp)

Stamp further reported that the education committee will be meeting soon to discuss future speakers.

Bird and Butterfly Trail (Larry Hunter)

Larry Hunter reported that he had a successful committee meeting on Monday, April 25, 2011, further asserting that work started on the Bird and Butterfly Trail thanks to Paul Knoebel. Boy Scouts will be working on the trail on Saturday, May 21, 2011. More information on the project is forthcoming.

Dog Park (Mark Snyder/Larry Hunter)

Snyder reported that he is working on scheduling a community meeting for the New Dog Park to assess public interest in the project.

**New Business:**

Pirate Days in the Portage Lakes (Larry Hunter)

Hunter provided the group with a brief overview of Portage Lakes Pirate Days and all the events taking place.

Tom Fry provided an update on the Bike-A-Thon. Mark Snyder and Larry Hunter agreed to help Tom Fry on the project, additional information forthcoming.

Discussion followed regarding the 5K Race / Walk for Pirate Days.

**Paul Knoebel made a motion that the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park sponsors a 5K Race/Walk for Pirate Days on July 23, 2011. Jerry Davis seconded the motion. Fry, Burge, J. Davis, L. Davis, Knobel, Price, B. Seeley and C. Seeley voted in favor. Snyder and Lew Stamp voted not in favor. Matheny and Lynn Stamp abstain. Motion carried 8 to 4.**

**Jerry Davis made a motion to obtain for services Summit Athletic Running Club and pay the required deposit around \$200.00. Tom Fry seconded the motion. Fry, Burge, J. Davis, L. Davis, Knobel, B. Seeley and C. Seeley voted in favor. Snyder and Lew Stamp voted not in favor. Matheny, Price, and Lynn Stamp abstain. Motion carried 7 to 5.**

Hunter than asked for volunteers to handle various aspects of the event; Snyder agreed to help Fry with the Bike-A-Thon; Fry and Hunter will handle the 5K Run/Walk.

#### **New Business (pending board review):**

##### Intern

Larry Hunter provided information on the intern as a FYI on the intern hired for Purple Martins and PLAC. He would like the group to consider adding additional funds to the pool; as Hunter would like the intern to handle the Sandcastle Contest for the state park along with additional projects for the Friends. Action subject to board review first.

##### Tent Purchase

Larry Hunter would like the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park to purchase a tent. The purchase would be split by the Purple Martins and PLAC. Action subject to board review first.

Larry Hunter adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

The next meeting for the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011, 7 PM, Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319. Speaker information forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Snyder, Secretary