

# Friends of Portage Lakes State Park

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## Friends of Portage Lakes State Park General Membership Meeting

### Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2011

(approved by membership, November 17, 2011)

**ATTENDANCE:** Tom Fry (President), Jody Holloway (Vice President), Jim Frost (Treasurer), Lynn Stamp (Parliamentarian), Lew Stamp (Committee Chair), Carol Eubank (Committee Chair), Paul Knoebel, Margaret Frost, Deidre Betancourt, Larry Hunter, Judy Hunter  
A quorum was present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** *Tom Fry, President*

- The meeting of The Friends of Portage Lakes State Park was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at the Kiwanis Civic Center, 9725 Portage Lakes Drive Akron, OH 44319, by President, Tom Fry, with Parliamentarian, Lynn Stamp serving as secretary.
- Fry reported the resignations of: President, Larry Hunter; Secretary, Mark Snyder; and Treasure, Tom Burge. Snyder has returned records and the organization's property. No returns have been received from Burge or Hunter.
- Fry announced the acting board listing Jody Holloway as Vice President, Sarah Matheny as Secretary, Jim Frost as Treasurer, Lynn Stamp as Parliamentarian, Carol Eubank as Chase Your Shadow 5K Chairman, Lew Stamp as Education Chairman.
- Fry noted that members of Friends have shown how important it is to keep Friends vibrant, with their willingness to step in and fill the gaps. Then he called for reports.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** *Jody Holloway, Vice President*

- Holloway reported that the Friends organization was created due to a laundry list of projects that Portage Lakes Advisory Council was aware needed to be done, but fell outside the guidelines of the council's mission statement.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** *Sarah Matheny, Secretary*

- It was noted that the General Membership had not met since June. A request was made for the approval of the June minutes.

**MOTION: It was moved by Lew Stamp and seconded by Carol Eubank that the June General Membership Meeting minutes be approved.**  
**The motion CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** *Jim Frost, Treasurer*

- Resigned Treasurer, Tom Burge has not returned financial records or submitted a report. Because of this, it is unclear where the group stands financially.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:** *Lynn Stamp, Parliamentarian*

- Stamp reminded the membership of the bylaws and mission of Friends.

**CHASE YOUR SHADOW 5K REPORT:** *Carol Eubank, Chairman*

- Eubank noted runners look forward to the February 5K, no matter what the weather.

**DOG PARK REPORT:** *Cinda Klatil, Chairman*

- Friends will now focus on maintaining the existing dog park. Should significant funding become available, then expansion plans will be set in motion.

**EDUCATION REPORT:** *Lew Stamp, Education Chairman*

- Stamp reported speakers and programming are one of the best ways to advance the mission of Friends.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** *Tom Fry, President*

- Fry explained there are some challenges currently confronting Friends, but the slate of proposed officers for 2012 are aware of these situations and are poised to handle them. Officers will be elected at the November Annual Meeting. The slate of Officers for 2012 are; President: Jody Holloway, Vice President: Margaret Frost, Secretary: Sarah Matheny, Treasurer: Jim Frost.
- Fry announced all are invited to attend the Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks Annual Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 19, in Columbus. The meeting will afford networking with other Friends groups from across the state, and offer training and information components, that Friends groups will find useful.
- An Eagle Scout wants Friends to consider funding his project of building a foot bridge across a swampy area of the disc golf course.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Larry Hunter proposed a series of motions seeking funding for: 1) an Eagle Scout project in the dog park, 2) unspent money approved for a naturalist in the amount of \$600 be transferred to the Education Committee for gratuities for guest speakers, 3) 2 checks for \$50 be issued, as approved by the board, and not executed by the treasurer, 4) payment for Pirate coins distributed at the Friends sponsored Pirate Days 5K, 5) payment for tee shirts distributed at the Friends sponsored Pirate Days 5K, 6) payment for tee shirts distributed at the Pirate Days bike-a-thon, 7) payment for tee shirts ordered to service all of Pirate Days.

After a spirited discussion, the membership decided to table all the motions, and let the new leadership make these decisions, except for the one asking for payment for tee shirts ordered to service all of Pirate Days.

**MOTION: It was moved by Larry Hunter and seconded by Judy Hunter that Friends pay a remaining balance of \$1,131 needed to satisfy a \$2,115 tee shirt bill that was accrued on behalf of Pirate Days.**

**The motion FAILED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
- The next meeting of Friends of Portage Lakes State Park will be a 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at the Kiwanis Civic Center, 9725 Portage Lakes Drive Akron, OH 44319.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lynn Stamp, Parliamentarian