

# Friends of Portage Lakes State Park

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## Friends of Portage Lakes State Park General Membership Meeting

### Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2011

(approved by membership, 3/16/11)

**ATTENDANCE:** Larry Hunter (President), Tom Fry (Vice President), Lynn Stamp (Director), Jerry Davis, Laura Davis, Carol Eubank, Jim Frost, Margaret Frost, Larry Yothers, Chuck Seeley, Kay Lucas, Paul Knoebel and Sarah Matheny — A quorum present

**CALL TO ORDER:** *Larry Hunter, President*

- The meeting of The Friends of Portage Lakes State Park was called to order at 6:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at the Kiwanis Civic Center, 9725 Portage Lakes Drive Akron, OH 44319, by President, Larry Hunter, with Director, Lynn Stamp serving as secretary.

**MINUTES:** *Mark Snyder, Recording Secretary*

- The minutes of the January 20, 2011 Friends of Portage Lakes State Park meeting were approved as written.

**MOTION:** **A recommendation to approve the minutes as written was moved by Margaret Frost and seconded by Jim Frost.**  
**The motion CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** *Tom Burge, Treasurer*

- No report

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** *Larry Hunter, President*

- Larry told the Chase Your Shadow committee they did a wonderful job.
- The board has a plan "B" if Bank America's request to fund the "Dog Park" does not come to fruition. That plan calls for work on the bird and butterfly trail, that shares that same area, to commence this spring. The dog park's development is constrained by the need for a fence. Development of the dog park area will happen as monies are realized to build that fence. In the meantime, dog owners continue to enjoy the existing, though smaller, dog off-leash area in the park.

**CHASE YOUR SHADOW 2011:** *Jerry Davis, Chairman*

- Jerry Davis reported he's been invited to a Summa symposium by his contacts who helped him win Summa sponsorship monies for this year's Chase Your Shadow 5K race. Summa's logo appeared on the sleeve of the commemorative race t-shirt. It's Jerry's hope to gain a cash sponsorship of \$1,500 or more for next year's race.

**PIRATE DAYS 2011:**

- Sarah Matheny mentioned Friends could skew our Pirate Days events towards children and families. The idea of kids and their families seemed to knit the proposed Friends Pirate Days activities of a scavenger hunt and 5K race together. There was talk of developing other activities that fit that theme. Sarah checked her planner, and said she would coordinate the Friends activities for Pirate Days.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Tom Fry and seconded by Paul Knobel that Friends of Portage Lakes State Park make a commitment to host an event or events for Pirate Days 2011 .

**The motion CARRIED.**

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** *Margaret and Jim Frost, Co-Chairmen*

- Margaret and Jim have begun work on the by-laws and have been consulting with an attorney along with parliamentarians to make sure the Friends by-laws stay in compliance with 501(c)(3) guidelines. When their rough draft of suggestions is ready, they will submit them to a complete committee for evaluation and adjustment before presentation at a Friends meeting. While the current by-laws were adequate to facilitate organization of the group, it is thought that they now need to be tailored to specific needs of the Friends of the Portage Lakes.
- It was recommended that the president appoint someone to serve as Interim Treasurer until the by-laws are amended and Tom Burge can return and resume the position.
- President Larry Hunter appointed Jim Frost to serve as Interim Treasurer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
- The next meeting of Friends of Portage Lakes State Park will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2011 at the Kiwanis Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Stamp, Director  
Acting Secretary