



FRIENDS OF PORTAGE LAKES STATE PARK

Summit County, Ohio

Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2010

The September meeting of the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park was held at the Franklin Park Civic Center, “The Tudor House” in New Franklin, OH.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Hunter at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Larry Hunter (President), Tom Fry (Vice President), Tom Burge (Treasurer), Michael Boyle (Secretary), Mark Snyder, Peggy Bergholz, Lynn Stamp, Lew Stamp, Laura Davis, Jerry Davis, Michelle Hunter, Bob Kansa, Carol Eubank, Ann Duff, Paul Knoebel, and Polly Price.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes were approved unanimously with minor revisions.

Treasurer’s Report

Balance is \$2,981.42, which is the same as last month as there were no transactions.

Grant Applications

Mark Snyder reported that he is working on Build-a-bear and NE Ohio Golf Charities and working on the applications for the Dog Park.

Bark in the Park

Peggy needs help to pull this event together.

Tom Fry said that we need a flier to advertise and Peg will make it.

Mark Snyder made a motion for \$200 for start-up expenses for the events and Jerry Davis seconded the motion. The vote passed.

There is no rain date for the event.

No committee meeting date known at this time.

Chase Your Shadow Race

Holly from Summa is to donate \$500 and we need a 40' x 80' tent for a hospital demo.

Ads are to appear in the Run Ohio newspaper publication to come out tomorrow.

Subway Challenge Series turned down the race for inclusion.

Entry fees are to remain the same for 2011.

Jerry would like to make oak awards for the top 6 winners and may want to give cash awards. Will give three awards in each age group this year instead of two.

May have a Poker Run for the walkers.

Carol Eubank suggested we explore the \$660 costs for the timer.

No committee meeting date known at this time.

Newsletter

Mark Snyder will be working on one for next quarter.

Events

Bio Blitz – an event with Metro Parks, PL State Park and Coventry Schools

Plein Air Paintout

Buckeye Martinfest June 25, 2011. Purple Martins made \$3,800 this year.

Pirate's Day

Bob Kansa shared the idea of possibly organizing a Pirate's Day on Portage Lakes.

There are large pirate day events across the country. There is one in Put-In-Bay that tripled their attendance in one year and had 20 vendors attend.

This could be a fundraiser for our group. There could be a treasure hunt / scavenger hunt along with a poker run with a pirate theme on pontoons or motorcycles. It can be co-hosted with the marinas (done at Mosquito Lake) and the yacht clubs can have an invitational regatta.

Look into schools that have fencing programs in the Akron area. There can be people who re-enact pirate fights.

Potentially could be on Sunday, July 24.

Dog Park

Scott Shookman made several proposals and one confirmed they will give us money

We received a voicemail from Carol Despina who wants to donate money to the Dog Park from an estate. The check should be arriving tomorrow. She thinks she could get her whole company involved.

Peg has an offer for some free printing.

Need to build a dock for the Dock Dogs event.

Butterfly Trail

Needs a stump chipper.

Astronomy Club

Might be asked to leave their current location.

Next Meeting

Will be held at the regularly scheduled third Thursday of the month which is October 21, 2010.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Lew Stamp and seconded by Carol Eubank. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Boyle, FoPLSP Secretary