

MINUTES

Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2025

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Present: Melanie Baker, Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Nancy Mattson, Aurora Rice, Elizabeth Stoneman
Absent: Ty Nurenberg
Visitors: Dennis Mansfield (Hastings Banner)
Staff: None
2. **Agenda:** Motion by Banks, supported by Hermes, to amend agenda by changing item 6.f) to Friday night food. All ayes; motion carried, with Baker absent.
3. **Public Comment:** Dennis Mansfield asked questions about "Chalk the Walk" on Tuesday, July 29.
4. **Minutes:** None
5. **Finance:** None
6. **Action/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **2025 Art in the Park:**
 - 1) **First Aid Booth:** Hermes reported she has met with Chief Perkins, and he and others from the department will provide staffing at the First Aid Booth. 124 "Sparky's Coloring Books" have been ordered for the fire department to pass out to the kids. There are sufficient funds in the Kids' Zone line item to pay for the coloring books. Perkins will inquire with his staff to see if any of them are interested in helping out with overnight security.
 - 2) **Volunteer Time Slots:** More volunteers have signed up, but there is especially a need for help with load-out and tear-down at the end of the day.
 - 3) **Wheelchairs:** Banks stated she has ordered two wheelchairs from CareLinc in Hastings. Motion by Hermes, support by Rice, to approve \$40 payable to CareLinc for wheelchair rental. All ayes; motion carried.

4) Board Tasks: Work list was reviewed.

5) Friday Night Food: Banks suggested that sandwiches be ordered for volunteers for Friday evening, especially since some volunteers will be working all day without a break. Consensus was to order 35 sandwiches from C&R Café. Baker will pick up four cases of water, two cases of juice boxes and a case of individual-serve chips at Costco.

7. Adjournment: Without objection, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer