

MINUTES

Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Special Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
Present: Melanie Baker, Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Susan Mesack
Absent: Nancy Mattson, Ty Nurenberg, Elizabeth Stoneman
Visitors: None
Staff: None
2. **Agenda:** Motion by Mesack, support by Banks, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Finance:** Motion by Hermes, support by Baker, to approve the following accounts payable:

Artist Referral Rebates		
Rebate Payable To	Artist(s) Referred	Amount
Tammy Geene	Carol Stoutjesdyk	\$20
Dawn Wager	Carla Datema, Karen Wood	\$40
Eydie Riley	Nancy Adams	\$20
Kevin & Kristy Skinkle	Beth Tidd	\$20
Gregg Johnson	Donna Raap	\$20

Payable To	Purpose	Amount
Amazon Capital Services	Otterbox cellphone case for new cellphone	\$33.95
Big L Lumber	Mounting materials for beach mural	\$129.90
Lake Odessa Ace Hardware	Screws to mount beach mural	\$10.99

5. **Action / Discussion Items:**
 - a. **2025 Holiday Decorating Contest:** Discussion was held re: number of sign-ups to date. Board members volunteered to place yard signs following the meeting.
 - b. **Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast:** Motion by Hermes, support by Banks, to sponsor the 2/3/2026 Chamber networking breakfast, including providing a snack,

coffee and a door prize, as a way to launch solicitations for Art in the Park sponsorship. All ayes; motion carried. Mesack offered to create a small gift basket.

- c. Michigan Fun Magazine: Motion by Banks, support by Baker, to purchase a half-page ad in the 2026 Michigan Fun publication at a cost of \$698 to advertise the 2026 Art in the Park. All ayes; motion carried. Mesack will handle the arrangements.

6. Board Member Comments:

- a. Banks handed out copies of cover letters to the Lakewood Band Boosters, Lakewood High School Wrestling Club and Boy Scouts that will enclose payment for hours worked at 2025 Art in the Park.
- b. Discussion was held re: what other events the Arts Commission will host/organize in 2026, including a "chalk the walk" event, a summer concert, etc. Banks commented that years ago the Arts Commission invited the 126th Army Band, based in Grand Rapids, to perform a concert in the park. Consensus was to seek more information and possibly host a concert in 2026 as a way to honor veterans, with possible inclusion of serving popcorn, bringing in a food truck or having an ice cream social. Banks will attempt to contact the 126th Army Band.

- 7. Adjournment:** Motion by Banks, support by Mesack, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer