

## MINUTES

### Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.  
Present: Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Nancy Mattson, Ty Nurenberg, Elizabeth Stoneman  
Absent: Melanie Baker, Susan Mesack  
Visitors: None
2. **Agenda:** Motion by Banks, support by Hermes, to amend agenda to include request for booth space from Center Stage Dance Academy to agenda. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hermes, support by Mattson to approve minutes of 3/10/26 special meeting. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Finance:**
  - a. Revenue/Expense report was reviewed.
  - b. Motion by Hermes, support by Nurenberg to approve reimbursement to Karen Banks in the amount of \$173.95 for one-year renewal of website hosting and domain name. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Action/Discussion Items:**
  - a. **2026 Art in the Park**
    - 1) **Entertainment:** Melanie will contact Steve Aldrich re: the VFW performing flag ceremony. Motion by Banks, support by Hermes to approve the LaJoye Quintet for an additional hour (3 PM to 4 PM) for \$500. All ayes; motion carried.
    - 2) **Kids' Zone:** Stoneman is working with Zion Lutheran Church re: partnering on Kids' Zone. She is planning a potted plant activity.
    - 3) **Chalk the Walk:** Stoneman is coordinating the event with the Lake Odessa Library for a weekday event.
    - 4) **Food Vendors:** Mattson reported that Kory's Antojitos is not coming this year, and she has not yet received applications from Lisa Marquette (elephant ears) or the

Odessa Township Fire Department. She has been unable to make contact with Chickie's Bev Bar (sp.?).

- 5) Advertising: Banks will do several different layouts for the event brochure and get price quotes.
- 6) Sponsors: Hermes and Mesack may make some personal contacts with prospective sponsors.
- 7) Park Map: Work session to re-draw map was set for Thursday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m.
- 8) Swag Bags: Hermes inquired if we want to give out swag bags to artists again this year. Consensus was not this year, as we don't have bags or items to fill the bags and it's also not an anniversary year.
- 9) Parking: Banks reported that Union Bank has given approval for their front and rear parking areas. Mattson reported that First Congregational Church has given the okay for use of their parking lot on both Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1. Banks still needs to contact Central United Methodist Church and Harvest Church. New directional signs will need to be ordered for check-in and for "Permit Parking Only" along the south half of Third Avenue.
- 10) Signs: Hermes suggested that since the first aid banner and stand will not be used this year, that we use the stand and order a new banner to place at one entrance to the horseshoe to direct shoppers into that area of the park.
- 11) Mobile ATM: Banks will follow up with Thornapple Credit Union to see if they will bring their mobile ATM this year.
- 12) Golf Cart Rental: Consensus was to rent five carts again this year.
- 13) Radios: Banks will contact Chrouh Communications to reserve radios.
- 14) Paid Help: Consensus was to again offer \$10 per hour to youth groups. Stoneman will contact high school band and wrestling. Banks will contact Boy Scouts.
- 15) Overnight Security: Nurenberg will reach out to Aurora Rice to see if her dad is interested in providing overnight security. A second option will be Stoneman's dad and the Fire Department as a third option.
- 16) Center Stage Dance Academy: Discussion held re: Center Stage's request for a booth space. Consensus was to allow them to have a space, as they are providing an hour's worth of entertainment at no cost.

17) T-Shirts: Stoneman received a quote for shirts from A&P Customs in Portland, Mich. of \$12.50 per shirt for S through XL and \$16 for 2X and 3X, one color, with a small imprint on the front left and a large imprint on the back. She will get a quote from SEAM as well.

b. Mural Project: Mattson reported that progress is being made by artist Dan Arens. Banks reported that the Village's attorney is reviewing easement agreements between the Village and the building owner and land contract purchaser.

7. Adjournment: Without objection, meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer