

MINUTES

Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Present: Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Nancy Mattson, Susan Mesack, Elizabeth Stoneman, Ty Nurenberg
Absent: Melanie Baker
Visitors: None
2. **Agenda:** Motion by Banks, support by Hermes, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hermes, support by Mattson to approve minutes of 5/12/26 regular meeting. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Finance:**
 - a. Revenue/Expense report was reviewed.
 - b. Motion by Hermes, support by Mattson to approve \$\$784.44 payable to SEAM for Art in the Park event t-shirts. All ayes; motion carried.
6. **Action/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **Chalk the Walk:** Date for event will be Tuesday, July 28, 2026 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Snacks will be provided.
 - b. **2026 Art in the Park:**
 - 1) **Artists:** 80 artisans, 96 booths sold.
 - 2) **Entertainment:** Mattson made contact with Steve Aldrich (VFW), but has not received a response whether they can perform flag ceremony.
 - 3) **Kids' Zone:** Motion by Hermes, support by Banks, to approve not to exceed \$200 for succulents from Lowe's. All ayes; motion carried. Stone painting will be one of the

activities in the Kids' Zone; Banks will order a set of paint pens and will supply stones.

4) Volunteers:

- Banks has contacted Boy Scouts and needs to create an online sign-up schedule. Stoneman reported her dad, Dave Stoneman, is willing to provide the overnight security, and her mother, Heidi Stoneman, can be a shuttle driver.
- Mattson will attend Fair Board meeting on Wednesday, June 10, and will report back re: volunteers from the fair who can help out at Art in the Park.

5) Supplies & Equipment:

- Motion by Banks, support by Mattson, to approve up to \$200 for rental of a U-Haul trailer from Wednesday, July 29 to Monday, August 3. All ayes; motion carried.
- Mesack will try to find a donor for a first aid kit for the Information Booth.
- Mesack delivered a package of wrist bands to be given to artisans who pay for loading help.
- Motion by Hermes, support by Mattson, to make an offer to the Michigan Festivals & Events Association to purchase their retired event gazebo for \$125. All ayes; motion carried.
- Mattson inquired if tent and tables have been paid for. Banks reported all equipment has been paid in advance (tent/tables/chairs and port-a-johns). Dumpster is being donated to the event from Dumpster on Demand as a sponsorship.

6) Sponsors: Banks reported that she has made contact with Union Bank to ask that their allowing use of their parking lots be a sponsorship in lieu of a sponsorship donation.

7) Printing & Advertising:

- Mesack received a quote for printing a 5' x 8' banner of \$55 plus \$10 shipping. Tabled for further discussion.
- Mesack provided a rate sheet for advertising through View Newspaper group.
- Motion by Banks, support by Hermes, to approve \$150 for a Facebook ad through the Michigan Festivals & Events Association. All ayes; motion carried.

8) Food Vendors: Mattson reported Grub-It-Up BBQ has backed out. She is looking for a replacement.

- c. Mural Update: Mattson reported Dan Arens is beginning work on the last two panels of the large downtown mural. Banks stated the easement agreements between the building's land contract seller and land contract buyer are being reviewed by the Village's attorney.

d. Miscellaneous:

- 1) Banks shared an email from a Sara Alvarado from Honduras, asking if she could sell her local village's wares at Art in the Park at no charge. She is not a registered non-profit. Discussion followed. Banks will ask her to provide more information. A special meeting will be held on June 30 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss.
- 2) Mesack inquired if LOAAC members should be regularly attending Chamber of Commerce networking breakfasts.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Mesack, support by Mattson to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer