

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. Township Hall

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order - at 7:02 PM

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Secretary)	Present
Cook, Tony (Treasurer)	Excused
Cotter, B.C. (Vice-Chair)	Present
Flood, Michael (Non-Voting)	Present
Katers, Jessica (OHM - Twp Engr)	Present
Lee, Gerry	Present
Reynolds, Taylor (Chair)	Present
Richards, Jerry	Excused
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	Present
Stout, Jeff (Operations Director)	Present

3. Determination of a Quorum (min 4) - Yes, 4/7 voting members present

4. Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2015 Meeting

Motion:

by Reynolds, second by Brinkmann, to approve January 13, 2015 Minutes as submitted.

Motion passed 4 - 0

5. Approval of Agenda for February 10, 2015 Meeting

Motion:

by Brinkmann, second by Steele, to approve February 10, 2015 Agenda as modified to add item 7C, DNR Trust Fund and TAP Grants

Motion passed 4 - 0

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – 3 Minute limit per person - There was no public comment.

7. New Business

A. Confirm Meeting Dates for March, August, and September

After a discussion regarding the availability of Committee members on the subject meeting dates, the motion below was offered.

Motion:

By Reynolds, second by Steele, to 1) replace the August meeting with a July 14 meeting and b) to move the September meeting from September 8 to September 1.

Motion passed 4 - 0

B. Growing Green Expo / Earth Day Event

Cotter reported there are no plans from the Township for a 2015 Green Expo Day (where the OSPAC usually has a Safety Path booth for informing citizens re the safety path system) and suggested other venues should be sought. After some discussion the following three possibilities resulted:

- 1) A booth at the Orion Chamber of Commerce 2015 Business Expo
- 2) A display at the Orion Township Public Library, and
- 3) A display at the Dragon Dash Fun Run in May

Stout agreed to find the requirements for a booth at the Business Expo. Lee agreed to work on the dragon Dash. Cotter offered to coordinate all of them and to investigate the display at the library.

C. DNR Trust Fund and TAP Fund Grants

Strategic Communication Solutions (SCS), a Lobbyist/Promoter firm that works for the Township, has pointed out that there are matching grants available for the proposed Iron Belle Trail System from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trust Fund and from The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). It was suggested that Clarkston Road Phase I pathway (north side of Clarkston Road from the Polly Ann trail to Pine Tree Road) as a connector between the Polly Ann and Paint Creek Trails would fit well with the Iron-Belle system of trails. After Committee discussion the following motion was offered.

Motion:

by Brinkmann, second by Reynolds, to express Committee support for Township effort to apply for DNR Trust Fund and TAP grant funding to aid in construction of Clarkston Road Phase I (north side of Clarkston Road from the Polly Ann Trail to Pine Tree Road) - in order to connect the Paint Creek and Polly Ann Trails as part of the Iron Belle Trail System via Clarkston Road pathways.

Motion passed 4 - 0

8. Pending Business

A. OSPAC Membership

The Committee has one opening for the Alternate Member which needs to be filled. There may be additional Committee openings in 2015 as three current Committee members' terms expire at the end of 2015.

B. Financial Review (Cook)

Financial report tabled until the March meeting

C. 2015 Maintenance – NW Quadrant in 2015

Katers reviewed and updated cost estimates for two major unfinished maintenance projects which were carried over from the 2014 list of work. Those projects were a) 2000 intermittent feet of pathway along the east side of Joslyn Road between Heights and Indianwood Roads - \$159,500 and b) circumventing the current hill on the north side of Indianwood Road west from the Polly Ann Trail to the Trail parking area - \$99,000.

Steele suggested that a possible parking area on property recently acquired by the Township which is closer to the trail than the current parking area might reduce the need for circumventing the current hill mentioned above.

Motion:

by Steele, second by Brinkmann, to recommend the Board authorize repair of 2000 feet of safety path on the east side of Joslyn Road between Heights and Indianwood Roads as an add-on to the Clarkston Road Phase II Project (north side of Clarkston between Baldwin Road and the Township line); funds for the 1st \$100,000 would come from the Safety Path Restricted Fund and the remainder from the Unrestricted Safety Path Fund.

Motion passed 4 - 0

D. Crosswalk Striping

This topic to be reviewed in the March meeting

E. M-24 Overlay Improvements

Current Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) stance is that, as part of the 2016 resurfacing of M-24, they will provide pathway for all uncompleted sections of safety path on the *east side* between Harmon and Clarkston Roads except for one difficult section in the Greenshield area. Flood pointed out that the future Pomeroy Living – Orion Campus (closed head injury assisted living facility) on NE corner of Scripps and Lapeer will still be required to provide safety path for thier frontage on M-24 per the Safety Path Ordinance.

F. Rolling Meadows signs (OHM to price out with RH as a possible resource)

Motion:

by Steele, second by Brinkmann, to authorize purchase and installation of eight (8) bike path signs directing Maybee Road safety path users through Rolling Meadows Subdivision in order to avoid using the section of Maybee Road where there is no safety path (due to the wetlands on the south side of Maybee Road just east of Rohr Road).

Motion passed 4 - 0

G. Indianwood Ph III – N. Side Paint Creek to Jackson Oaks – Design Update/Easement Update

Easement Documents complete.

H. Indianwood Ph IV – S. Side Joslyn to Fernhurst – Design/Easement Update
Easement Documents complete.

I. Clarkston Road Ph II – N. Side Baldwin to W Twp Line – (Jan 27th Mtg Update)
Subject meeting with affected property owners went well. Township/OHM still working to acquire easements. Providing that is successful, a May bid date is anticipated. Note this work may be combined with the work described in item 8C above, provided the Board agrees.

J. Clarkston Road Ph I - N. Side Poly Ann to Pine Tree – 30 % Design
Township/OHM plans to meet with the owner of the property at 1230 Clarkston before the next Committee meeting

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)
A Joint Township Board/Planning Commission/Zoning Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)
Paint Creek has acquired a parcel in Oakland Township on Orion Road for parking. Stout commented that there is a constant problem in the Clarkston - Kern Road area where the rest rooms are continually vandalized. Orion Township Grounds people are currently doing the cleanup/repair. He suggested lighting in the area would probably help reduce the vandalism. There are already cameras in the area, but as there is no lighting it is ineffective at night.

10. Committee Comment

Cotter: Asked what was being done about Fragmites. Stout informed Committee Orion Township is participating with other communities in a \$600,000 grant to eradicate Fragmites. Twelve (12) areas in the Township were addressed last year; plan is to add fifty (50) more areas this year. A kit is available that explains the process to owners. There is a small subsidized cost to the owner of the affected property, but it is nominal (approximately \$200/acre). Help from anyone wishing to help contact owners of affected properties and inform them of the details would be appreciated.

Cotter suggested spring clean-up of paths should be on next month's agenda.

Lee: suggested Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department may be a partner in securing future grant money.

11. Adjournment

Motion:

**by Steele, second by Cotter, to adjourn.
Motion passed 4 - 0**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Next Meeting: March 10, 2015 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Hall