

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. - Township Hall

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1. Call to Order - at 7: 05 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	Excused
Reynolds, Taylor (Chair)	Present
Richards, Jerry	Excused
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	Present
Stout, Jeff (Operations Director)	Present

Also attending:

Citizens:

Stephens, Mark	990 W. Baldwin	Present
Falls, Katie	3730 Clarkston	Present

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

4. Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2015 Meeting

Motion:

by Reynolds, second by Steele, to approve minutes for March 10, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

5. Approval of Agenda for April 14, 2015 Meeting

Motion:

by Brinkmann, second by Steele, to approve agenda for April 14, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – 3 Minute limit per person - there was no public comment on non-agenda items.

7. New Business - No new business. Stout reported that the Board will receive an application for the open Committee Alternate Member position from a person named Jackson Marr. The Board should act on this at their next meeting, Monday, April 20, 2015.

8. Pending Business

A. Library Display (Cotter)

Cotter in charge of this. Taylor suggested May to early June would provide max visibility due to the increased number of activities related to the beginning of summer programs.

B. Community Business Expo – May 7, 2015 (Cotter)

Cotter in charge of this. OSCAP Exhibit will include the OSPAC banner, a large safety path map, smaller handout safety path maps and possibly a sign-up sheet for those interested in supporting the Committee in various ways. Steele suggested exhibit be located next to Paint Creek Trail exhibit.

C. Dragon Dash – May 17, 2015 (Lee)

Lee is in charge of this. Exhibit will be set up similar to the Community Business Expo exhibit.

D. Financial Review (Cook)

No change to the funds since last meeting other than the addition of 2015 revenue from the millage. Brinkmann agreed to notify the Committee of the bottom line numbers (available restricted and unrestricted funds) in the near future.

E. Clarkston Road - N. Side Poly Ann to Pine Tree – Grant Application

Katers reported the grant request was submitted April 1, 2015. Project was divided into two (2) phases; phase1 - north side of Clarkston Road between Pine Tree and Camp Agawam, phase 2 - north side of Clarkston Road between Camp Agawam and the Polly Ann Trail. Total cost estimate for both phases is \$1.9 M. Easement acquisition will begin soon as control of affected parcel must be obtained by October. Decision (whether we receive the grant or not) will be made December 2015.

F. Clarkston Road Water Main and Pathway Extension – Bid May 2015

Water main construction to begin in June, 2015. Safety path construction bids still targeted for May 2015. Easement acquisition in progress. Two affected parcel owners, Katie Fall and Mark Stephens, were in attendance at this meeting. Stout is working to accommodate their concerns regarding their easements.

G. Joslyn Road Pathway Improvements – Bid May 2015

This project on "hold" pending other priorities, specifically E and F above.

H. Indianwood Ph III – N. Side Paint Creek to Jackson Oaks – Easement Update

This project on "hold" pending other priorities, specifically E and F above.

I. Indianwood Ph IV – S. Side Joslyn to Fernhurst – Easement Update

Mr. Aldridge needs to be re-contacted regarding the proposed easement on the property he owns on Indianwood Road, specifically Indianwood Country Club and the parcel to the east of Central Drive, and that the three additional property owners that require easements, going east towards Fernhurst, have not been contacted as of yet.

J. Crosswalk Striping

Brinkmann provided an inventory of Orion Township pathway pedestrian crossings. There are 140 + crossings. He noted school crossings, more often than not, have only painted stop bars rather than pedestrian crossing lines and expressed the opinion that the cross bars were probably more effective in cautioning motor vehicle drivers (by making them aware that the road crosses a pathway); also, he pointed out that some crossings have a greater need of paint warnings than others. Brinkmann agreed to review the data before the next meeting and identify which crossings need paint the most.

Reynolds passed on a paper provided by Committee Member Richards entitled "An Overview and Recommendations of High-Visibility Crosswalk Marking Styles" prepared for the Federal Highway Administration by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center for the Committees consideration. The paper is also available at <http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/data/whitepapers.cfm>.

K. M-24 Overlay Improvements

No change since last meeting.

L. Rolling Meadows Signs (Stout)

Project not complete. Brinkmann pointed out that posts will not be required for these signs as they can be affixed to existing street, stop and yield signs.

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

Katers reported two (2) developments were considered at the last Planning Commission Meeting:

- 1) Shiawatha - Baldwin south of Taco Bell - Engineering Review
- 2) Baldwin Square - Baldwin north of Jordan - 1st Review

Flood indicated there is a Joint Board -Planning Commission Public Hearing PUD major amendment revision Orion Village Crossings scheduled May 6 to discuss

Robertson Brothers Homes development - located on Maybee Road and Baldwin, behind Oscar's on the west and Lake Forest sub on the east. Also, Planning Commission approved revised PUD Concept Plan in regards to Meridian Commons (Redwood Management) located at 3677 S. Lapeer Road. East side of M-24, north of Wally Edgar Chevrolet dealership to Hi Hill Drive. Developer proposes extending safety path (along east side M-24) to extend past ordinance required property development on to the Bald Mountain State Park entrance drive.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

Paint Creek - Stout reported that vandalism of restrooms at Clarkston/Kern intersection with the Trail remains a serious problem. He suggested, since there are already security cameras in the area, the Paint Creek Council should consider lighting the area so the cameras could be effective at night.

Polly Ann - Orion Township has acquired a parcel on the north side of Indianwood, just west of the Trail. It has been suggested that a parking lot in this area might lessen the need to level the pathway hill just west of the Trail. Polly Ann Trail Council is seeking bids to mow the Trail (2 feet on each side) from Leanard to Orion Township.

10. Committee Comment

Steele: queried progress on easements for future Indianwood pathway east of Joslyn. Response was that Aldridge (Indianwood Country Club owner) and other parcel owners have not yet been contacted.

Stout: Safety Path Funds will be used for fragmite removal along the safety paths where appropriate, mostly at bridges. Cost should be nominal.

11. Adjournment

Motion:

by Reynolds, second by Brinkmann, to adjourn.

Motion passed 4 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2015 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Hall