

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. - Township Hall DRAFT

1. Call to Order - at 7:04 PM

2. Roll Call

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

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

4. Approval of Minutes for April 14, 2015 Meeting

Motion:

by Reynolds, second by Steele, to approve April 14, 2015 minutes as revised per clarifications after the April 14 meeting.

Motion passed 7 - 0

5. Approval of Agenda for May 12, 2015 Meeting

Motion:

by Brinkmann, second by Lee, to approve May 12, 2015 agenda as submitted.

Motion passed 7 - 0

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – 3 Minute limit per person

There was no public comment.

7. New Business

A. Member Roster - An updated OSPAC Roster for 2015 was provided.

B. Joslyn Road Path N of Heights Road

The Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) has recently announced plans to overlay Joslyn Road from Clarkston north to Indianwood Road (similar to work recently done on Joslyn Road south of Clarkston) this summer. Steele pointed out that there may be cost advantages to incorporating Joslyn Road safety path repair between Heights and Indianwood Roads with this work. Previously the Committee has delayed this repair project in order to insure matching funds are available should the grant submittal described in Item 8E be successful. Potential savings made possible by including the repair in the RCOC overlay work, however, resulted in the Committee reconsidering delaying the repair. After some discussion the following motion was made:

Motion:

by Steele, second by Reynolds, to have OHM work with the RCOC to develop the cost for adding the Orion Township safety path repair project (between Heights R and Indianwood Roads) to the RCOC overlay project (Joslyn Road north from Clarkston to Indianwood Roads) - work for engineering to develop the added costs not to exceed \$2500.

Motion passed 7 - 0

This item will be continued in the June OSCAP meeting when the cost info mentioned in the above motion is available.

8. Pending Business

A. Library Display (Cotter)

Safety path library display, with maps and other information relative to the safety paths and the work of the Committee, is planned for July 9 - 15, 2015

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

Event was well attended and provided a good opportunity to inform citizens about the safety paths. There was a consensus that the Committee consider participating in this event every year.

C. Dragon Dash – May 17, 2015 (Lee)

Lee to set up the safety path display (similar to items 8A and 8B above) for the Dragon Dash next Sunday.

D. Financial Review (Cook)

Cook provided an update for the Safety Path Fund. As of April 30, 2015. Unrestricted funds are \$1,304,501; restricted funds are \$172,578. These figures do not include outstanding bills, routine expenses not yet billed, or expected cost for the Clarkston Road pathway project between Baldwin and the west Township line (see 8F below).

There is some difficulty interpreting the project spread sheet provided by the Clerks office - especially with the codes for the projects listed. Katers indicated the codes were OHM designations and that she would provide a description of the codes to Cook. There was also an unexplained credit of \$19,739.54 that could not be explained by Brinkmann (the prior Committee Treasurer); he agreed to provide an explanation at the next meeting.

Stout pointed out that total cost for a construction projects is always greater than the contractor bid construction cost because there are added costs for engineering that are not included when the bids are reviewed. One of these is the normal added 10% engineering cost. He suggested future wording should include those costs.

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

Grant submittal apparently still "in the running": however, the DNR requires another map and signed letters of intent from owners of parcels for which easements will be required - by next Monday.

Steele indicated another, smaller - \$50,000 - Iron Belle design grant which might be applied to this work is available from the Parks & Recreation Department of the DNR .

F. -Clarkston Road WM and Pathway Extension

Lowest bid for this project was FDM Construction at \$1,599,000; safety path portion was \$444,000. Pathway cost was \$100,000 higher than was thought when the Committee recommended it to the Board. Katers indicated increased asphalt and boardwalk costs accounted for the increase.

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

No change since last month.

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

No change since last month.

I. Crosswalk Striping (Cotter & Brinkmann)

Cost and RCOC bureaucracy make painting even some of the more critical crosswalks prohibitive. All work must be done by the RCOC contractor; a 6 inch wide line costs \$4/foot and a 24 inch wide line costs \$20/foot. More complicated crossings are expensive; for example, the new crosswalk on Maybee Road for the pathway joining Orion and Independence Township cost \$4,000. There were complaints about the crosswalk on Joslyn in front of the Township Hall. Stout agreed to contact Scott Wheeler of the RCOC re those complaints.

J. M-24 Overlay Improvements

No news.

K. Rolling Meadows Signs (Stout)

Signs are ordered and will be installed soon.

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

Nothing to report

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

Paint Creek Crawl is June 6; Polly Ann Photo Safari is June 6; Polly Ann Zombie Walk/Run is October 24. Stout reported that the County Sheriff will have a bike patrol for the Paint Creek Trail beginning in June; also, cameras at Kern/Clarkston crossing have resulted in tickets being written for vandalism; finally, fragmites spray will be conducted along trails and pathways in the Township in August/September.

10. Committee Comment

Cotter: thanked Brinkmann and Steele for manning the booth at the Shop Local Expo. Brinkmann: pointed out that a citizen has complained about a fence installed on a pathway and parking on the pathway in front of a convenience store on Conklin north of Miller. Lee: Garlic mustard (an invasive) is growing on the PollyAnn Trail next to the soccer field off of Waldon. He plans to pick Sunday if anyone wishes to join him. Richards: glad to be back and participating on the Committee. Cook: thanked Brinkmann for aid with the financial status. Stout: County has allocated \$75,000 for fragmite eradication for 9 municipalities participating; Orion Township is included. PLM Lake and Land Management Corp is doing the work in Orion Township.

11. Adjournment

Motion:

by Brinkmann, second by Richards, to adjourn.

Motion Passed 7 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

Next Meeting: June 9, 2015 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Hall