

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. Township Offices

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

7:05 pm

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer)	here
Cook, Tony	here
Cotter, B.C. (Alternate)	here
Flood, Michael (Non-Voting)	here
Katers, Jessica (OHM - Twp Engr)	here
Lee, Gerry (Vice Chair)	here
Reynolds, Taylor (Chair)	here
Richards, Jerry	here
Richards, Pamela (Secretary)	here
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	here
Whatley, Aaron (Parks Director)	here

3. Determination of a Quorum (min 4)

Determined.

4. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2016 Meeting

Motion to approve April Minutes made by Taylor and supported by Lee. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Agenda for May 10, 2016 Meeting

Motion to approve May 10 Agenda made by G. Richards and supported by Cook. Motion passed.

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

None.

7. New Business

None.

8. Pending Business

A. Orion Area Chamber of Commerce – Shop Local Expo – Cotter, Brinkmann, Steele

The pathway table received good comments from visitors. There was a good turnout and lots of people took maps.

However, the map is dated 2014 and we should get a new one to distribute (there may be 12 old ones left). The plan is to order 50 new maps for the next event and for posting in the township hall.

Also, the banner needs to be fixed – this is in progress.

B. Financial Update – Brinkmann

No changes from last month.

C. M-24 Overlay Improvements (Harman to Golden Gate) – Katers

We have met with FTCH and consumers to discuss the pathway, notify stakeholders of standards, and review which sections will be repaired by MDOT or by Consumers.

OHM is keeping track, on behalf of the township, of who is repairing what.

D. Silverbell Road Pathway – Whatley/Katers

Pulte developers will be giving updated pathway plans. They haven't had a full pre-construction meeting yet. They are aware of their pathway responsibilities along the development from Silverbell Oaks to Squirrel Rd. Letters are ready for local homeowners re: the plans.

We are getting an easement on Kelly services property (maybe owned by RCOC now).

E. Clarkston Road - N. Side Thistle Valley to Pine Tree – Katers

Project Agreement is submitted and being reviewed. We're looking for approval in mid-June. It has been signed by the township and now needs to be signed by DNR. She's received good feedback from the first review and is working towards the signing.

Simultaneously updating the water main along this stretch was added to the project at the last board meeting.

Construction starting this year is still the plan and OHM starts design work this week on the water main.

F. Clarkston Road – N. Side Poly Ann Trail to Thistle Valley – Katers

Supplemental application information has been submitted to DNR and is being reviewed.

Timeline: we will start knocking on doors again in June for the temporary and permanent easements.

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

Had a school meeting at Paint Creek Elementary and the building of a safety path was the #1 item on their wish list.

Note, if they receive a Federal grant to put towards this construction, the width requirement will be 10 feet, instead of the township's 8.

This is in reference to a pathway along the north side of the road as residents on the south side were not interested in assisting with pathway easements.

See sections 9.B. and *Committee Comment* for more information.

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

Moving forward with securing easements.

I. Joslyn Road Path N of Heights Road – Katers

Nothing new.

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

Katers – Kroger gas station site plan on Lapeer includes putting in a pathway.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

Oakland county trail meeting: met MDNR and discussed how to move forward, with Oakland Township, on the connector of Paint Creek. MDNR rep said she should be able to assist with trails advocacy.

There is a [Garlic Mustard Pull](#) June 4 from 9:30am-12:30pm for National Trails Day. There will be sites in Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, and Orion Township. Volunteers will meet at the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, Oakland Township, MI 48306 starting at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided. [Register here](#)

Paint Creek Elementary School update: met with Kim Klieber, OHM, school principle, and roundtable to gather information for safe walks to school. The safety paths are the #1 concern and the plan is to apply for a school-specific infrastructure grant for that portion of the pathway.

10. Committee Comment

NB/ Any problems with pathway, contact **Aaron Whatley**

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Katers – School grant update: 9 campuses are eligible for grants (k-8 schools). The grants are worth 200,000 each for infrastructure projects and 8,000 for non-infrastructure projects. 5 walking audits have been done and 4 more are to be conducted. Next meeting, we will share the audit action plans.

Whatley – Community Green-up of Camp Agawam; bring things to help, like tools and vehicles.

Cotter – Library event June 16-22, 9:30 am-9:00 pm: OSPAC will have a table with information for the public. Cotter tried to reserve a spot a while back and was told to do it at a later date, so she'll reserve a spot this week. We have the table cloth for the event but need a new sign (up to 200 don't need approval from Council).

Gerry Richards – to address the safety of crossing the road, he brings an idea from his travels in Florida, St Augustine. There, there is a system for crossing the street that is low-cost, low-tech, and works. A flag is used to indicate to drivers that pedestrians are crossing; you grab a flag from one side of the crosswalk and bring it across to be stored on the other side of the crosswalk. He spoke to officials there and discussed the concern about people taking the flags – but they haven't really experienced any vandalism.

Flood – Bad Brads is open | Monday night meeting on corridor improvement – Menards is going in on Brown road.

Steele –safety path in front of Country Market is a hazard – we should fix while there; Katers said that some things will be upgraded as a result of the construction

11. Adjournment

7:59 pm adjournment

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Next Meeting: June 14, 2016 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Offices