



**Safety Path Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

1. **Call to Order** 7:02 PM by Taylor Reynolds, Chairperson

2. **Roll Call**

- Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer) - present
- Cotter, B. C. - present
- Muzzy, Heather - present
- Porter, Neal (Board Representative) - present
- Steele, Donni (Vice-Chair) - present
- Campbell, David (Secretary) - absent (excused - Brinkmann doing minutes)
- Sidebottom, David (Alternate) - absent
- Reynolds, Taylor (Chairperson) - present
- Flood, Michael (Non-Voting Member) - present

Also Present - James Stevens and Jessica Katers for OHM; Joanne VanTassel, Township Supervisor; Chris Barnett, Township Supervisor-elect

Citizens: Jack Ward, Rosalie Ward

3. **Determination of a Quorum** - Yes; six voting members present

4. **Public Comments** - Jack Ward called attention to several items for the Committee to address, viz:

- North side of Indianwood Road between the PolyAnn Trail and the parking area - exceeds safety path specifications for steepness, needs to be brought into conformance; also, parking, in his opinion, is too small and should be expanded when the grade for the hill is corrected.
- South side of Indianwood between Joslyn and the Indianwood crossing to the PollyAnn Trail - Path is narrow with several "blind spots".
- East side of Joslyn between Heights and Indianwood Roads - Path too narrow and in need of repair to correct sideway slant of path.

The Committee acknowledged his comments and agreed to consider those areas in the next Maintenance Inspection.

5. **Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2012 Meeting**

Note: Minutes for September 11, 2012 have not been received; person who agreed to do those minutes in the absence of the secretary for that meeting has since indicated he is resigning.

6. **Approval of Agenda for November 13, 2012 Meeting**

Motion by Brinkmann second by Porter to approve agenda as written.

Motion carries 6-0.

7. **Pending Business**

A. OSPAC Sign/Banner – Cotter provided detail for a retractable banner developed for use by the OSPAC at various Community events and occasional safety path displays at the library. Total cost to the Township is \$185.

Motion by Steele, second by Porter to authorize Orion Township to purchase the banner using safety path funds.

Motion carried 6 - 0

B. Bartoni Easement – Flood reported that the Bartoni easement agreement (Lapeer Road safety path access between BW3 and Indian Lake Road) has been finalized and the court order entered. Two (2) warning signs along the path remain to be installed; otherwise, project is complete.

C. 2011 Construction Update – Stevens (OHM) reported that the water main on Baldwin Road between Klais and Indianwood Road is scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving (November 22). Grade/prep for the safety bath in the same area will be targeted for winter work so that actual paving can begin early in the spring of 2013. There may be significant savings if Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approves use of “floating” tech material in place of boardwalk for low-lying marshy areas.

D. 2013 & 2014 Construction Projects

i. Maybee Road from Rohr Road to Independence Twp Safety Path – Reynolds secured an agreement with Independence Township officials to share the expense for their portion of the path. If Orion Twp builds the path, they agreed to share the cost of their portion. Reynolds to set up follow-up meeting with the Independence Township to walk the area and work out details. Reynolds will notify the Committee when the meeting is arranged; all members are encouraged to participate. Muzzy suggested as an aside that the PollyAnn Trail people, when/if they complete the section between Joslyn and Baldwin Roads, may want to consider an extension along the power lines from Baldwin Road east to the Independence Twp. safety path.

ii. Lapeer Road (MDOT) in 2013/2014 w/ participation – Stevens reported that MDOT is in the planning stage for \$20M project improvements to Lapeer Road from Hamlin Road to Clarkston Road in 2015; as part of their new commitment to Complete Streets, \$1.5M will be set aside for non-motor-vehicular paths. Wade-Trim is the lead engineering firm at this time, but OHM is regularly informed as to the stage/status of the project. It was posited that, since the OSPAC 5-year safety path plan is currently estimated at \$1.6M, it may be prudent to delay work until 2015 when most of the expenses can be covered with the MDOT funds. Stevens agreed keep the Committee posted in the future.

iii. Indianwood Road south side east from Joslyn to Fernhurst – Stan Aldridge has agreed to give the Township an easement along the Indianwood Country Club golf course for the future safety path in that location; this was done in exchange for the

Township purchasing the property on the south side of Joslyn at Fernhurst and Indianwood Roads and subsequently permitting the Indianwood Country Club to use it for parking during the 2012 Masters PGA Golf Tournament. Porter suggested the Township needs to proceed to get the easement deeded and recorded lest it be forgotten.

iv. Indianwood Road east from Baldwin to Joslyn – VanTassel suggested the proposed location (north side, south side, crossing location, etc) be re-considered to revise the plan to more nearly accommodate the desires of the property owners along the path. VanTassel expressed a desire to be appointed to the OSPAC so that she could assume the responsibility of canvassing the property owners.

Motion by Steele, second by Muzzy to request the Township Board to allow work to proceed as described above. Currently the Board has directed that work on the Indianwood section of the Baldwin –Indianwood Road Safety Path Project be suspended pending the update of the Master Plan; this would permit the canvassing described above to begin immediately. This would be presented at the 12/3 Meeting of the Board.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

8. New Business

A. Committee Vacancies – Effective January 1 the OSPAC will have two unfilled regular positions and one unfilled alternate position.

B. Appointment of Officers

Motion by Muzzy second by Cotter to cover this in January 2013 Meeting

Motion carried 6 - 0

C. Meeting Dates for 2013:

Motion by Steele, second by Brinkmann to adopt the dates presented by Reynolds per below:

January 8

February 12

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

July 0 no meeting

August 13

September 10

October – no meeting

November 12

December – no meeting

Motion carried 6 – 0.

9. Organization Reports

- A. Planning Commission - no news affecting safety paths
- B. TWLA (formerly OTAC) -RCOC has “bought in” to Complete Streets. There are new trail maps for Oakland County
- C. MDNR Parks/Paint Creek Trail -no news affecting safety paths
- D. PollyAnn Trail - Trail south of Clarkston to Scripps Road will be chip-sealed

10. Committee Comments - Cotter: will contact library to set up table under OSPAC banner with safety path info. Porter: attended school transportation meeting, rode school bus route. Schools desire paths where busses stop. Porter informed them that the Committee would work with them, but that it needed to be assured that the locations would be permanent (in the past, the stops have been changed several times) Brinkmann: urged members to inform acquaintances who might be interested in the safety paths that there will be openings in January; also, spoke of need for the “person responsible for safety paths” (who OSPAC is chartered to give advice) attend the OSPAC Meetings; in the past this position has been filled by the Parks and Recreation Director, the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, and the Administrative Assistant, all with varying degrees of efficacy.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brinkmann, Support by Steele.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Township Hall Board Room