

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 - Township Hall Boardroom

1. Call to Order – at 7:02 PM

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer & Secretary) - Present

Cotter, B.C. (Vice-Chair) - Present

Muzzy, Heather - Excused

Reynolds, Taylor (Chair) - Present

Richards, Jerry - Excused

Snowden, Eugene - Present

Steele, Donni (Board Representative) - Present

Flood, Michael (Non-Voting Member) - Absent

Stout, Jeff (Operations Director) - Present

Jessica Katers (OHM - Twp Engineer) – Present

Also Present:

John Conway (OHM)

Laura Reithmeier (Citizen)

3. Determination of a Quorum – Yes, 5 voting members present

4. Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2013

Motion by Snowden, second by Steele, to approve September minutes

Motion carried 5 - 0

5. Approval of Agenda for November 12, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Steele, second by Reynolds, to approve November agenda

Motion carried 5 - 0

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

Attending citizen participated in discussion of regular agenda items below.

7. Pending Business

A. 2013 Maybee Road at Independence Twp (OHM)

Project awarded to FDM Construction as portion of Baldwin-Indianwood Project is expected to be done in 2014. Independence Township to be billed by Orion Township for their portion of this project. Orion Township portion is \$75,000; Independence Township portion is \$55,000. Independence Township officials, Pat Kittle and Linda Richardson, have been updated.

B. Indianwood – East to Paint Creek Elementary (OHM)

Construction has begun; asphalt paving to begin Saturday or Monday. A boardwalk and some concrete driveways will not be completed until late winter/spring 2014. Reithmeier expressed concern over future plans for Indianwood east of Paint Creek School. Stout responded that the Township is committed to working with the homeowners to make the construction process as agreeable as possible for the affected homeowners.

C. Pathway Pavement Maintenance 2014 (OHM)

OHM Maintenance Inspection Report presented. Report covered 1) Asphalt pathway removal and replacement, 2) Concrete pathway removal and replacement, 3) ADA Ramp & Crosswalks and 4) Current design re-evaluation & recommendations.

Except for a gap noted at 4125 Clarkston Road, west of Baldwin, OHM to proceed with bid estimates for all of the maintenance items; estimates will be specific so that the cost of each maintenance area can be assessed individually. Discussion included cost of installing ADA acceptable crossings at approximately \$18,000 per crossing, drain issues on Clarkston Road east of Pine Tree, grading of the hill on Indianwood west of Joslyn and the use of tri-party funding, where applicable. Supervisor Barnett is involved in discussion with Indianwood Country Club for easements needed to repair Joslyn pathway where it is adjacent to the golf course.

D. Pathway Maintenance – Winter Maintenance (Reynolds)

Stout suggested the Committee respond to multiple requests for snow removal for portions of the pathways. Inquiries re the liability of snow removal vs no snow removal show there is no advantage either way. It was suggested a one year trial might be evaluated.

Motion by Cotter, second by Brinkmann, for the Township to use the Building and Grounds Staff for winter maintenance (snow removal) of the following pathway: Joslyn (west side) path between Waldon and Clarkston, Clarkston path between Joslyn and Baldwin, Baldwin path between Clarkston and Waldon and the Waldon path (north side) between Baldwin and Joslyn for the winter of 2013 -2014

Motion carried 5 - 0

E. Safety Path Master Plan Status (Reynolds)

There will be another meeting for this before the end of November. Paths are only one portion of the Master Plan. Target for completion is March 2014

F. Joslyn Road Pathway at Civic Center

The Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) plans to include a Joslyn crossing (with ADA ramps) to the Civic Center between Greenshield Road and Joslyn Court as part of the planned Joslyn Road Repair Project.

8. New Business

A. 2014 OSPAC Officers

Motion by Brinkmann, second by Steele, for Reynolds to continue as Chair, Snowden to be Vice-Chair and Brinkmann to continue as Secretary-Treasurer

Motion carried 5 - 0

B. 2014 Meeting Dates

Motion by Taylor, second by Snowden, for the following OSPAC Meeting dates in 2014:

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July – no meeting

August 12

September 9

October – no meeting

November 11

December – no meeting

Motion carried 5 – 0

C. Fernhurst Property

This property being rezoned single family for future sale by the Township. It was purchased with the partial use of some safety path funds (ostensibly for Indianwood Country Club parking for 2012 PGA Tournament in return for future easement consideration). Steele agreed to remind Board of OSPAC participation and request the safety path fund be reimbursed appropriately after sale of the property.

D. 2014-2015 Safety Path Extension Project

This item moved to January meeting pending input from the proposed 2014 Master Plan.

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

A Senior Living Development on the northeast corner of Lapeer and Scripps and the Orion Commons Development on the southwest corner of Lapeer and Scripps are to include pathways on their properties along both roads.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

Pat Ball is the new PollyAnn Trail Manager.

C. Oakland County Trails Water Land Alliance (Muzzy)

Muzzy submitted a summary of the last TWLA meeting via e-mail to the Committee members

10. Committee Comment

Steele reminded Committee members of the Township Volunteer Appreciation Event on November 13; Snowden inquired re future plans for Lapeer Road (response: safety paths to be included and paid for by the RCOC as part of Lapeer Road re-surfacing); Stout commented that the new Code Enforcement Officer has been effective in insuring safety paths are repaired correctly; Cotter mentioned an unofficial driveway on Pine Tree Road that violates the safety path ordinance by crossing the pathway should be assessed by the Code Enforcement Officer; Steele mentioned that Clarkston as a PollyAnn – Paint Creek Trail connector was discussed

11. Adjournment

***Motion by Snowden, second by Steele, to adjourn at 8:45 PM
Motion carried 5 - 0***

Next Meeting: January 14, 2014 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Hall