

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee (OSPAC)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Township Hall Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - FINAL

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM by Taylor Reynolds, Chairperson

2. Roll Call

- Brinkmann, Michael – present
- Cotter, B. C. – present
- Drozdowski, Shane (Secretary) – present
- Muzzy, Heather – present, not present during roll call
- Reynolds, Taylor (Chairperson) – present
- Richards, Jerry – excused
- Snowden, Eugene (Alternate) - present
- Steele, Donni (Board Rep) – present
- Jessica Katers for OHM (Consultant) - present
- Barnett, Chris (Orion Township Supervisor)
- Flood, Michael (Non-Voting Member) – present
- Stout, Jeff (Orion Township Operations Director jstout@oriontownship.org)

3. Determination of a Quorum – Yes; seven voting members present

4. Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Drozdowski, second by Reynolds to approve minutes as written.

Motion carries 6-0.

5. Approval of Agenda for February 12, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Brinkman second by Steele to approve the agenda.

Motion carries 6-0.

6. Public Comments – Chris Barnett was here for public comment. He wanted to take the opportunity to introduce the new Operations Director Jeff Stout. Mr. Barnett stated Jeff Stout has only been here two days but he has already done two weeks worth of work! Chris Barnett is excited to see the work Jeff will carry out for us moving forward. He would also like to welcome newest members Eugene Snowden and Shane Drozdowski to the board.

Elizabeth Broquet was here for public comment and lives in a residence within the zone of sidewalks that is proposed to be installed on Indianwood Road. She introduced a flyer and read an anonymous letter to the board that she indicated she felt was threatening. She explained her frustrations of the safety pathway going in on Indianwood Road. She also stated objections to the Board's choice for photograph for the OSPAC banner that will be used at tables representing OSPAC. Mrs. Broquet feels that a photograph depicting hooded men walking on the pathways would have been more appropriate to use instead of the kids walking down the sidewalk in the currently used photo.

7. Pending Business

A. 2013 Maintenance Plan Inventory – Discussed the proposed Pathway Data Report document to be used when walking the sidewalks to assess which pathways require maintenance (scale of 1 to 5). This document presented is a draft from OHM that was tailored from the Road Rating System they presently use. OHM will provide a PDF file to Shane Drozdowski to distribute with the final release of meeting minutes.

B.C. Cotter explained how Mike Brinkman and her had previously went around the sidewalks with an orange spray can and ID'd all the problem areas (i.e. 2A, 2C, 2D). They circled and identified the problem parts of the sidewalk via the spray can. They discovered the majority of them were repaired and that this system should be utilized again for prioritizing the use of public funds for maintenance areas.

The goal of this inventory is to compile a list of locations that we then turn over to a maintenance contractor, in which there will be a priority to use funds with. Volunteers from the OSPAC Board and Township will go walk the sidewalks. All present members volunteered and highlighted on the map which sidewalks each group would walk.

The target date for Completion is for the April 9th meeting.

Noted: Volunteers highlighted safety pathways they were willing to assess.

B. 2013 Construction Project (Maybee Road at Independence Township) - Independence Township rep Kevin Daniels was present with Orion Township members when OSPAC members met up before this current meeting at the proposed site of development.

Since last meeting, OHM broke down the project into four different divisions. The Independence portion is the purple on the supplied map and called Division I. The light blue is Orion's responsibility. The red portion is Orion's responsibility. The blue is the boardwalk portion and is also Orion's responsibility. These three areas are Division II, III, and IV respectively.

There will be financial participation by Independence Township and they will be using our bidding/contractual system. The Independence Township portion (Division I) is 600 feet roughly, and is approximately \$75,000. The light blue and red section (Division II and Division III) are approximately \$115,000. The boardwalk (Division IV) would be \$400,000. These figures include everything required to complete the project, but easement acquisition costs are not included (if there is any).

At this time, the board does not want to pursue the topographical survey for Division IV due to the large cost required to complete this portion. At this point in time, we will see if Jeff Stout can find any opportunity for Federal Grant monies to complete Division IV. If said opportunities can be found, then we will re-vote on the possibility of pursuing this Division IV section further. However, at this time, Division IV is being put on hold so funds can be spent on areas which will bring more return on Orion Township's investment.

Motion by Michael Brinkmann: Motion for the board to authorize the completion of the topographical survey and engineering design from the existing Independence

Township Pathway to the section of Rohr Road, as well as have OHM pursue grant possibilities for the boardwalk from Rohr Road to Tall Oaks.

Motion seconded by: Heather Muzzy

Motion passes: 7-0-0

C. Indianwood Baldwin to Joslyn –

Actual construction project is on hold at this point in time. This was all put on hold until the master plan is updated. OHM and Jeff Stout will be going to the homes/contacting the homeowners of concerned citizens that will have safety pathways potentially constructed on their properties. The goal of this to inform these citizens of what the full scope of the project truly entails to their property. It is OSPAC's top priority to make sure citizens can accept or reject this plan based upon visual fact instead of speculation of where the proposed sidewalks will be. We will also be looking to approach the Oakland County Road Commission to request leniency on county-wide rules for placing sidewalks so that we minimize the impact of proposed sidewalks on the properties affected.

Additionally, the previously approved project of pathway on the north side has had work started by LR Mullins. This pertains to the six lots East of Baldwin Road which are already on board with this side project.

8. New Business

A. March meeting (Taylor): March 12th meeting - many will not be able to attend and we will have no venue due to the Board of Review being booked for this room we regularly use.

Motion by Heather Muzzy: Motion to change the next board meeting to be on March 5th at 7:00PM at the same location, due to the Board of Review having the room on March 12th.

Motion seconded by: Shane E. Drozdowski

Motion Passes: 7-0-0

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission – OHM is currently reviewing Stonegate West (Dutton/Squirrel).

B. TWLA (formerly OTAC) – Heather Muzzy provided an update of how the minutes of their meeting had been emailed out to OSPAC members. The next meeting is April 18th at the Orion Center at 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

C. MDNR Parks/Paint Creek Trail / Polly Ann Trail – Donni Steele got on an ad hoc committee to connect the Paint Creek Trail with the Polly Ann Trail.

10. Committee Comments – Donni Steele is to check into the park benches as per B.C. Cotter's request..

B.C. Cotter brought up the Earth Day Events and Heather Muzzy passed out more information on the Growing Green Expo on March 20th, 2013 at 1:00pm to 7:00pm. B.C. Cotter has a tentative date in April at the Orion Township Library (close to Earth Day) in which OSPAC will

have a table set up.

Jeff Stout's wanted to make sure OSPAC members had his contact information. His extension at the township is 141 and his email address is jstout@oriontownship.org.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Drozdowski, Support by Brinkmann.

Motion Carried 7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Township Hall Board Room