

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 - Township Hall - 7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

2. Roll Call Yes; five voting members present

Name	Position	Status
Brinkmann, Michael	Treasurer	Present
Cotter, B.C.	Vice-Chair	Excused Absence
Drozdowski, Shane	Secretary	Present
Muzzy, Heather		Present
Reynolds, Taylor	Chairperson	Present
Richards, Jerry		Excused Absence
Snowden, Eugene	Alternate	Present
Steele, Donni	Board Representative	Present
Flood, Michael	Non-Voting Member	Present
Stout, Jeff	Operations Director	Present

3. Determination of a Quorum (4)

4. Approval of Minutes for February 12, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Brinkmann, second by Reynolds to approve minutes as submitted.

Motion carries 5-0-0.

5. Approval of Agenda for March 5, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Steele second by Brinkmann to approve the agenda as amended to show the correct year.

Motion carries 5-0-0.

Motion by Steele to move New Business to be the new item 7, and make Pending Business to be the new item 8. Motion was seconded by Brinkmann.

Motion carries 5-0-0

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Michael Flood mentioned how the Master Plan expired in 2012. Jeff Stout indicated he was under the impression that if we were to approve renewing a P&R Open Space 5

Year Master Plan it would not be approved until September of 2013. The Park & Rec committee is going to try (RFP) and get an updated P&R Open Space 5-Year Master Plan in the works. For community reference, the current Master Plan is to have safety paths on at least one side of every major north-south/east-west road.

7. New Business

A. Pathway Coordination with Oxford (Muzzy)

Heather Muzzy introduced Joe Ferrari. Mr. Ferrari is the Treasurer and Safety Path Chair for Oxford Township.

Joe indicated we are a few steps ahead of Oxford due to having a millage in place for safety paths as Oxford has been unable to pass a millage for this purpose. He stated that Oxford has received over \$800,000 in grants for safety pathway projects recently. He recommends getting plans on the shelf as most of the money they have been able to secure from grants has been due to having an action ready plan in place for projects.

For example, they received roughly \$450,000 of all grant money in Oakland County, which he noted was the vast majority of such grant money, all due to them having plans in place to spend the money on plans now.

Following this discussion, Mr. Ferrari went over Oxford's Safety Path 5-Year Master Plan. The connector on M-24 between Oxford and Lake Orion is their priority 8 out of 10 due to difficulties acquiring land. At this point in time Oxford has decided to pursue other areas the community due to this bottleneck.

Thoughts or tips on maintenance: He recommends all trustees locate problem areas and then have contractors come out and repair. Brian Austin's company did the repairs for them recently. Proline is working on two of their two top priority sidewalks right now (their priority #2 and #4). Rough annual maintenance for Oxford, which includes snowplowing by schools and surveying, is about \$15,000 to \$20,000. Northern Pines does their snow plowing on the sidewalks they selected to have cleared. Oxford's Parks and Recreation does grass cutting and pruning. Their committee consists of the clerk, trustee, and himself (he is a staff member). No citizens have expressed interest in their safety path committee at this time. Joe Ferrari also urged us to get on everyone's bid list, and get the project bids going on in the early spring. It saves the township a lot of money as you are making deals in off times of the year.

Mr. Ferrari also indicated that Oxford does not use condemnation of land to move forward with projects. Their chairman believes it is a matter of ethics. They respect their citizen's wishes. They always work within their wishes as they do not want to "run rough-shod over everyone" or come across as Big Brother. He also wanted to share with us that one of the areas where they received some of

their monies was from the Tri Party Funds.

Joe Ferrari's contact information is as follows: 248.628.8787 Ext. 105
(jferrari@oxfordtownship.org).

8. Pending Business

A. Park Benches (Steele): Lisa Sokol is pulling it up and will have it for next week.

B. Earth Day Booth: March 20th: 1pm-7pm (Muzzy) at the Orion Center.

C. 2013 Maintenance Locations: (Locations supplied from paper supplied by Taylor Reynolds)

1. Heights fronting Pine Tree Elementary
2. Pine Tree South of Heights
3. Scripps fronting Scripps Middle School
4. Indianwood – N Side between the PolyAnn Trail and parking. OHM will be doing an estimate on areas citizens had brought to our attention (as far as grade of hills).
5. Indianwood – S Side between Joslyn and Indianwood crossing the PolyAnn trail.
6. Joslyn – E side between Heights and Indianwood

D. 2013 Construction Project - Maybee Road at Independence Twp (OHM/Stout)
Resolution was passed by the Board at the last BOT township meeting. OHM and Stout will go to the BOT for approval of payment terms. Taylor will provide the head of Independence Township's DPW (Linda Richardson) to OHM/Stout. OSPAC could be a good candidate for the TAP (Federal Funds) and the Trust Fund (State Money from the DNR). However, the TAP funds require 10 foot wide paths which increase the cost of the project. A cost analysis would have to be done by the committee to see if it is net cheaper to go take the TAP approach or not.

E. Indianwood – Baldwin to Joslyn (OHM/Stout)

We have an updated list from OHM on what has and has not yet been discussed. They will be sending out packets to all on north side residents. If they do not hear from these residents after the brochure is passed out, they will be calling each of the households individually to communicate what is being proposed, versus what is not being proposed on their properties. OHM and Mr. Stout want to make sure the residents know what is being proposed before they accept or reject this proposed plan.

F. Stout is going to look into monies that came out of the pathway fund that appeared to be for easements. The committee wants to know where the money

went and make sure it pertained to OSPAC liabilities.

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

OHM updated the committee on events going on with Axford Road and M-24.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

Steele's ad hoc committee for Poly Ann/Paint Creek Trail will discuss ideas to get the two connected.

10. Committee Comments

A. Jeff Stout has a question on mowing for the township. Right now is the time where the township should be putting out a request for bids (RFP) and wanted to know if we have a defined area of how many square feet we need mowed. The parks are mowed weekly and the safety paths are mowed tri-weekly.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Drozdowski, Support by Eugene.

Motion Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Next meeting: April 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. @ Township Hall

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