

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 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 March 5, 2013 Meeting

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

Motion carries 5-0-0.

5. Approval of Agenda for April 9, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Reynolds, second by Steele to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting and add in 7 E and 8C/D.

Motion carries 5-0-0.

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

7. Pending Business

A. Park Benches (Steele)

Steele is postponing this for one more meeting as she is in talks with Lisa.

B. Earth Day Booth (Muzzy)

There were a few less vendors but just as many individuals as last year. Overall it went very well. We did not have brochures this year but did have our display on scene. Our spot tended to be the first or last stop for most people so we got to communicate with a lot of individuals. A lot of new faces were there as well which was fantastic to see.

C. 2013 Construction Project: Maybee Road at Independence Twp (OHM/Stout)

OHM talked to Linda Richardson (DPW Director of Independence Twp). Linda's previous estimate was \$50,000 and it is now \$76,000. She needed to know why the cost estimate was higher, which included the 15% contingency and a driveway cost that was not in the original \$50,000. She will have to talk to their board in May.

Eugene Snowden asked why the contingency is 15% whereas they typically are 10%. OHM explained the contingency is 15%, to sometimes 20%, due to so many factors not typically being obtained until surveys are experienced. Also, asphalt is increasing in price right now. OHM has not talked to the owners of the properties that will be affected yet. As of now, they are looking for a late July construction start.

D. Indianwood: Baldwin to Joslyn (OHM/Stout)

OHM is meeting with contractor who is under contract for Indianwood to Baldwin. They are proposing to get started the first or second week of May (houses 1 through 6).

Stout sent out the letter to the affected property owners on Indianwood and was met with a variety of responses. Some were, "Over my dead body," to some saying, "When do we start?" He communicated that he was a liaison to make sure that the contractors are respecting your property. Seems like both business properties located along the route are on board.

Citizens not on board as proposed/not signed: 6 permanent and 2 temporary

Stout is proposing to make a Phase II from Baldwin all the way to the school.

Motion to authorize the procurement of easements for the portion of the Indianwood Path on the north side between Paint Creek Elementary and west to the previously approved connection to Baldwin.

Motion by Brinkman, Seconded by Steele

Motion carries 5-0-0

We should explain to the Board that this motion is in hopes that construction will begin by the fall of 2013.

E. Maintenance

Brinkmann and Cotter conducted a preliminary survey of their assigned area for maintenance inspection. There were several obvious areas needing repair; in particular, safety path flooding on Clarkston Road and large areas of the path along Joslyn next to the Indianwood Golf Club that need to be redesigned/rebuilt.

Maintenance contract: the Board needs to indicate if our previous asphalt repair contract is still current or expired.

The Board went over the following major items (citizen raised issues):

(all maintenance and non-OHM items)

8. New Business

A. Indianwood & Joslyn (Stout)

Motion that OSPAC advises the Board to fix the south corners at the Joslyn/Indianwood safety path crossing in conjunction with the current scope of work on the Indianwood Baldwin Project.

Motion by Steele, seconded by Snowden.

Motion carries 5-0-0.

B. Bald Mountain/Paint Creek/Orion Trail Connections (Reynolds/Steele)

We received a lengthy document that Chris Barnett forwarded to us, from a resident of Oakland Township, who wants to connect Orion Township to other townships with trails. In the future, they will be looking for some representation by OSPAC to attend their meetings.

C. Signs (Stout)

Stout talked to Chris Doll at the road commission. We are missing a few stop signs on our pathways. Stout needs direction to get new signs. The Committee thinks signs on safety pathways are confusing and can become outdated, so we should just take them all down. OHM says signs are an option. The only places they should be is where they are needed.

D. Mowing Contract (Stout)

Stout is opening these up tomorrow. There is roughly 60,000 feet of safety pathway. He found an old addendum, and added about the 12 new items that did not exist from the date of the document, to get to this number.

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

OHM received a package for engineering review for the Heron Springs Development on Silverbell Road, near Bald Mountain Road. They will be allowed to put \$17,570 into the OSPAC fund in lieu of constructing a safety path along their frontage on Silverbell Road as agreed to in the most recent consent judgment by the court.

Orion Commons PUD is located in the southwest corner of Scripps and M-24. They are proposing safety path along their frontage on Scripps and on M-24. This development's path will not connect to Home Depot's path because there are multiple vacant properties between the two developments. A public hearing is scheduled for May 1 and will be held jointly by Orion's Township Board and Planning Commission.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

Steele has the Master Plan for the Polly Ann Trail. It is on the front table of the Treasurer's table upstairs. It will be on display for a month. On July 20th the event called "Whirl Pearl" will be occurring also (jog/walk/horseback).

Snyder wants a safety pathway from Detroit (924 miles), all the way up through the UP and it includes the Polly Ann Trail.

The Paint Creek Trail's website has a mechanism for input, which they use to implement into their master plan (www.surveymonkey.com/s/8CB965L is the link). They also have goals on their website as well.

The washout on the Polly Ann will become a chip seal solution.

10. Committee Comments

A. Muzzy, business expo by the chamber (may 9th from 4-8PM). We can bring our banner and big map there as the Orion's Parks and Recreation table has indicated we can utilize theirs as well.

B. Flood want us to get our ad hoc committee in the works so we can get ourselves included in the 5-Year Master plan. OSPAC need to be a part of the committee, but we will need 3 people to form the ad hoc committee required to participate. Brinkmann and Reynolds would like to be a member of that ad hoc committee. We will ask Jerry Richards.

C. Stout (Decker Park) a tree trimming truck keeps dumping chips on the park. It is labeled to not dump, and it keeps happening. Please keep your eyes open for who is illegally dumping.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Muzzy, Support by Drozdowski.

Motion Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next meeting: May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. @ Township Hall

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