

Charter Township of Orion

2525 Joslyn Road., Lake Orion MI 48360; (248) 391-0304; Fax: (248) 391-0332
www.oriontownship.org

Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee (OSPAC) Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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

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

2. **Roll Call**

- Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer) – present
- Cotter, B. C (Vice Chairperson) – present
- Drozdowski, Shane (Secretary) – absent*
- Flood, Michael (Non-Voting Member) - present
- Muzzy, Heather – absent
- Reynolds, Taylor (Chairperson) – present
- Richards, Jerry – present
- Snowden, Eugene (Alternate)
- Steele, Donni (Board Representative) - present
- Flood, Michael (Non-Voting Member) – present
- Stout, Jeff (Orion Township Operations Director) - present

* Drozdowski asked to be relieved of duties of Secretary; Brinkmann agreed to do minutes

Also Present –Jessica Katers for OHM;
Citizens:

Reittinger, Lora - 2720 Indianwood;
Richardson, Heather – 2200 Indianwood;
Richardson, Kregg – 2200 Indianwood;
Muradian, Sharon – 2400 Indianwood;
Hughes, Kayann – 3306 Indianwood

3. **Determination of a Quorum** – Yes; including alternate, six voting members present

4. **Public Comments** –

Citizens present were interested in items to be discussed in the regular agenda and so were asked to make their comments at that time.

5. **Approval of Minutes for April 9, 2013 Meeting**

Completed draft minutes were not available.

Motion by Taylor, second by Steele to table approval until the next meeting.

Motion carries 6 - 0

6. **Approval of Agenda for May 14, 2013 Meeting**

Motion by Brinkmann second by Cotter to approve agenda as revised to add to Item 8, New Business, the following items: B – Storm Drains, C – Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) Update, D - Update from Stout
Motion carries 6-0.

7. **Pending Business**

A. Park Benches – No update. Cotter provided info to Stout and clarified that potential benches would be placed on public land/easement.

B. 2013 Maybee Road at Independence Twp – At the request of Independence Township a “Letter of Understanding” was developed to define the financial responsibilities of Orion and Independence Township for design and construction of the subject safety path. Stout provided a copy of the letter for the Committee to peruse; the letter will be submitted for critique by the Township Lawyer ASAP.

C. Indianwood/Baldwin – Construction of the portion extending from just north of the fire station on Baldwin up to Indianwood and east on Indianwood for 700 feet to begin May 21. Katers reported that the use of Presto Geo-Web on Baldwin instead of boardwalk will be possible, resulting in substantial cost savings.

D. Indianwood - East to Paint Creek Elementary – Stout reported work on easements in this area will begin on May 16. At this point Stout responded to the comments of the attending citizens with details for the plans for this portion. Steele reviewed the rationale for the project and its consistency with the Township Master Plan and Complete Streets.

E. Indianwood & Joslyn South Side Improvements – Currently a crossing from Joslyn to the Indianwood path does not exist. A crossing in that area is complicated by poor drainage on that corner. The Board has approved adding design and construction for this crossing to the the Indianwood/Baldwin Project at a cost of \$18,500. The Committee opined that, since the drainage at the corner is a RCOC responsibility, they should bear a portion of the cost. Stout pointed out that the RCOC has no funds and waiting for funds to be available would make us miss the opportunity to make this happen. The Committee directed OHM (Katers) to write the change order so that the contractor – Mullins - could begin the work.

F. 2013 Maintenance Contract –Maintenance contracts are needed to cover brush removal and asphalt repair. In 2011 Orion Twp had a blanket per square foot contract with ASI for asphalt repairs, but that has probably expired. A similar contract needs to be sought. Cotter reported the completion of safety path inspection assigned to Brinkmann/Cotter and pointed out that several areas were problems because of poor storm sewer drainage, again the responsibility of the RCOC – which has no funds. Other inspection areas targeted completion of inspections by May 28. In order to simplify the bidding for the maintenance work, Brinkmann agreed to consolidate all inspections into separate formats for asphalt, brush and OHM Design Review; Cotter agreed to assist.

8. New Business

A. June 11 Meeting – Chairperson Taylor will be unable to attend the June meeting. Cotter agreed to Chair the meeting.

B. Storm Drains – Covered in 7E and 7F above and 8C below.

C. RCOC Update - Stout reported the following:

- Impact of RCOC Problems - RCOC lacks funds and equipment; e.g., they have no vac truck for cleaning drains – Twp DPW was required to basically manually clean plugged drain on Greenshield Road because the RCOC could not do it.
- Major Baldwin Road Improvement – Construction (this is the 5 roundabout Project) has been delayed until 2018, at the earliest.
- Lapeer Road – Harmon to Clarkston Road Improvements – Construction plans delayed until 2019, but there is an effort to change this to 2015

- Current Fixes (curbs, crossings and 1.5" of new top) Underway - Baldwin from Brown to Clarkston Road and Joslyn from Waldon to Clarkston Road are in progress and ramps in the construction zone are being upgraded to meet ADA requirements.

D. Update from Stout – Three items:

- In response to queries from Committee members Stout explained that he was told that a judges consent agreement (that a developer need not conform to the Township Safety Path Ordinance to either install a path or provide funds in lieu of installing a path) supercedes the Safety Path Ordinance.
- RCOE denied a Township request for a pedestrian crossing from Canterbury Village to Wildwood.
- Stout asked for input from Committee members, now or in private, on using eminent domain to acquire easement. Richards responded that he does not support eminent domain.

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission – no news affecting safety paths

B. Paint Creek/PollyAnn – Steele reported that Oakland Twp lost their grant for path on Kern due to easement acquisition issues. Work to connect Paint Creek to Orion Township system via Kern Road and Bald Mountain State Park is in the planning stages.

C. TrailsWater Land Alliance – no news affecting safety paths

***Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes Steele, second by Taylor.
Motion Carried 6-0).***

10. Committee Comments – Richards: commented on inferior utility cold patch repairs; suggested stronger code enforcement (Stout responded that Township is in process of hiring a Code Enforcement Officer). Stout: Vandalism on our portion of the Paint Creek Trail is a problem. Cameras may eventually be necessary. Cotter: Plans to put safety path info in library, but needs more info to distribute. Katers agreed to provide Cotter with one (1) large map and twenty-five (25) 11' X 17" maps.

11. Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn by Brinkmann, Support by Steele.
Motion Carried 6-0).***

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Remaining 2013 meetings (all at 7:00 PM in Township Hall Board Room)

June 11

July - no meeting

August 13

September 10

October – no meeting

November 12

December – no meeting