

# Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 - Township Hall Board Room

**APPROVED**

1. Call to Order – at 7:02 PM

2. Roll Call

- Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer & Secretary) - Present
- Cotter, B.C. (Vice-Chair) - Present
- Drozdowski, Shane – Absent/resigned
- Muzzy, Heather - Present
- Reynolds, Taylor (Chair) - Present
- Richards, Jerry - Present
- Snowden, Eugene (Alternate) - Present
- Steele, Donni (Board Representative) - Present
- Flood, Michael (Non-Voting Member) - Excused
- Stout, Jeff (Operations Director) - Present
- Jessica Katers (OHM - Twp Engineer) – Present

Citizens also present:

- Herbert Klein Jr                      1976 Hunters Ln, Lake Orion, MI 48360, [hklein1976@att.net](mailto:hklein1976@att.net)
- Janice & Rick Skurkis              3514 Capaldi Cir, Lake Orion, MI 48359
- Michele & Madison Brunson        4424 Maybee, Lake Orion, MI 48359

**Note:** *Reynolds indicated that Drozdowski has submitted his resignation from the Committee; Snowden will become a regular voting member and the Committee needs to seek an Alternate (non-voting) member to replace Drozdowski.*

**3. Determination of a Quorum (min 4) - Yes, seven (7) voting members present**

**4. Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2013**

**Motion by Richard, second by Snowden, to approve August minutes**

**Motion carried 7 - 0**

**5. Approval of Agenda for September 10, 2013 Meeting**

Stout requested to add under item 8, New Business, the following: 8D - Civic Center Safety Path, 8E – 2014 Budget and 8F – Safety Path Usage

**Motion by Steele, second by Snowden, to accept agenda with requested revisions**

**Motion carried 7 - 0**

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

Attending citizens participated in discussion of regular agenda items below

## **7. Pending Business**

### **A. 2013 Maybee Road at Independence Twp (OHM)**

Katers indicated bid a Maybee Road package is being prepared which will also include Baldwin/Indianwood Phase 2 (east from Baldwin to Paint Creek Elementary). Maybee Rd, to be completed in Spring of 2014 and Indianwood East from Baldwin to Paint Creek Elementary, to be completed by mid-November of 2013. Bid package opening scheduled for September 26, 2013

J. Skurkis expressed displeasure that plans had not been reviewed with homeowners adjacent to the right-of-way. Stout responded that it was the intention of the Township to review the plans with each affected homeowner; however, those meetings could not be scheduled until the formal plans were available. The formal plans arrived today and the homeowners will be contacted to set up a review.

M. Brunson expressed concern related to the speed limit in the area of the subject proposed path and the danger for children required to cross the road for a school bus stop during construction. Katers indicated normal safety practices for this type of construction (with curbs) would result in a temporary reduction of the speed limit and one lane of traffic. Aside from the construction period, Richards suggested the concerned homeowners lobby the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) for a reduction of the speed limit in that area. Stout recommended Chris Doll as a contact at the RCOC. Muzzy suggested the homeowners also utilize the RCOC web site comment page.

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

See above. It was noted that, while construction is to be completed in mid-November, landscape restoration will not take place until spring of 2014.

### **C. Pathway Paving Maintenance (OHM)**

Asphalt repairs outlined in the OSPAC report, including those resulting from the engineering re-evaluation of several areas, to be bid this winter with a target for completion of 7/1/14.

### **D. Pathway Maintenance –Trimming/Winter Maintenance (Reynolds)**

Major trimming/pruning is required to re-establish the pathway right-of-way overhead and side clearances required by the Safety Path Ordinance. Brinkmann suggested an RFP to contract the work in two phases, Phase 1 – Major Pruning (2013) and Phase 2 – a 3-year maintenance contract for periodic mowing/trimming and sterilization of grass in cracks after the 1<sup>st</sup> installment each year. Stout expressed a reticence to issue a formal RFP and indicated a preference to schedule this work with existing manpower. He was concerned with his ability to manage oversight of a contractor, who might get overzealous and trim excessively where inappropriate. Finally it was agreed Stout would investigate the cost of Phase 1 &2 with two or three contractors on an unofficial basis (without a RFP).

## **8. New Business**

### **A. Safety Path Citizen Award (Cotter)**

Cotter suggested the Committee develop some sort of formal recognition for citizens who have contributed to the development/improvement/maintenance of the safety paths. Examples would be groups that do community service or perform regular maintenance extraordinarily well. Use of Orion Review articles, press releases, Township Board recognition were all mentioned. Steele suggested that Committee members are already able to write up and submit a recommendation along those lines. Cotter agreed to develop graphics for a reward certificate.

**B. Friends of the Safety Path (Richards)**

Richards suggested that a “Friends of the Safety Paths”, similar to the Friends of the Paint Creek Trail or the Friends of the Rochester Hills Safety Paths would be invaluable to the maintenance of the Orion Township safety paths. Benefit would be geared more to maintenance than fund raising. Reynolds agreed to check out the Rochester Hills friends group and report at the next Committee Meeting.

**C. Safety Path Master Plan Status (Reynolds)**

Safety paths are to be part of the updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The draft is due to the Board in November. Main source of input for citizens is the “Monkey Survey” located on the Township web site. There have been ninety (90) responses to the survey so far. Richards expressed concern about the efficacy of basing the Master Plan on such a low percentage of citizens’ responses; in addition, he noted the survey was difficult to locate on the website. The Committee shared his concerns. Finally Richards requested Stout to communicate to the website webmaster the importance of the survey and request that it be easier to locate on the web site; e.g, the survey should appear anytime someone enters the Township web site for any reason.

**D. Civic Center Safety Path (Stout)**

The RCOC is repaving Joslyn from Waldon to Clarkston Road. Stout requested the Committee recommend a safety path on the east side of Joslyn from Joslyn Ct. to Greenshield Road. A path in that location would provide improved non-motorized access to the Township Hall, Civic Center Park and Wildwood. Katers estimated cost at around \$75K.

Motion by Steele, second by Richards, to recommend to the Board at the next meeting, that OHM develop a bid package for construction of a safety path on the east side of Joslyn from Joslyn Ct. to Greenshield road.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

**E. 2014 Budget (Stout)**

Stout requested info for the 2014 proposed safety path budget. Brinkmann agreed to provide input by Thursday, 9/12.

**F. Safety Path Usage (Stout)**

Committee discussed use of the safety path for public events such as run/walk charity benefits. Consensus was that special consideration, over and above normal public safety policies, was not necessary.

**9. Organization Reports**

**A. Planning Commission (OHM)**

Renovation of the Clark Station on Baldwin Road is to proceed.

**B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)**

PollyAnn – Trail Committee is still interviewing for a new Trails Manager. Tour de Shane Bikeathon (suicide prevention) scheduled for 9/14

Paint Creek – A Labor Day Walk is planned. There was a paint ball “attack” reported. There has been progress on the development of a Kern Road connector.

**C. Oakland County Trails Water Land Alliance (Reynolds)**

Reynolds will be unable to attend the upcoming meeting October 3 in Novi. Muzzy agreed to attend.

## **10. Committee Comment**

- Cotter thanked citizens who attended this meeting.
- Richards reiterated concern about the low response to the Master Plan survey (see item 8-C above).
- Stout suggested Committee members attend the 9/11 memorial service at the Orion War Memorial.
  
- Katers reported 1)Axford safety path construction was complete and 2) completion of paving for the Baldwin portion (Phase 1) of the Baldwin/Indianwood Project would begin the next day.

## **11. Adjournment**

**Motion by Brinkmann, second by Muzzy, to adjourn**

**Motion carried 7 – 0**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: November 12, 2013 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Hall