

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 - Township Hall Boardroom

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1. Call to Order – at 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer & Secretary) - Present

Cotter, B.C. - Present

Cook, Tony - Present

Reynolds, Taylor (Chair) - Present

Richards, Jerry - Excused

Snowden, Eugene (Vice-Chair) - Present

Steele, Donni (Board Representative) - Present

Flood, Michael (Non-Voting Member) - Present

Stout, Jeff (Operations Director) - Present

Jessica Katers (OHM - Twp Engineer) - Present

Also Present: Jack & Rosalea Ward

3. Determination of a Quorum – Yes, 6 voting members present

4. Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2013

Motion by Steele, second by Snowden, to approve November, 2013 minutes

Motion carried 6 - 0

5. Approval of Agenda for January 14, 2014 Meeting

Motion by Steele, second by Snowden, to approve January, 2014 Agenda as modified to add “Fund Status” and “Fernhurst Property” items

Motion carried 6 - 0

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

Jack Ward commented on three items:

- 1) Questioned whether hill on Indianwood safety path just west of Polly Ann Trail was being redesigned to reduce slope. Committee response indicated that area is one of the repairs considered for 2014 (see item C below).

- 2) Requested the Committee investigate redesigning safety path on south side of Indianwood east of PollyAnn Trail to more closely conform to normal safety path specifications; it was suggested that moving portions of the path closer to Indianwood Rd could accomplish this and improve visibility. Committee agreed to investigate.
- 3) Questioned when the Safety Path Ordinance was last updated. Response: February, 2003.

7. Pending Business

A. 2013 Maybee Road at Independence Twp (OHM)

Katers reported FDM Construction targeted for end of April/early May, 2014. Independence Township has been kept up to date. Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) mid-block crossing will be approximately 70 feet further west of the current end of the Independence Twp safety path in order to make it compliant with ADA (line-of-sight) requirements.

B. Indianwood - East to Paint Creek Elementary School

Katers reported FDM Construction will complete the remaining section which requires a bridge (the pilings have already been driven) in the February/ March timeframe; also, they will repair three (3) areas of the path where ponding have occurred. Landscape restoration will be done in the spring of 2014.

C. Pathway Pavement Maintenance 2014 (OHM)

Katers reported the subject maintenance is to be bid in three (3) categories:

- A. Areas identified for repair by Committee inspection
- B. Areas requiring ADA pedestrian crossings
- C. Areas identified by Committee inspection for engineering reconfiguration

Bids are to be submitted by the end of March 2014 and targeted for construction in early May 2014. Bids will be written so that specific areas in each category can be considered separately for inclusion or omission in the selection of the bid finalist.

Stout reported that citizen input for the snow removal for the Joslyn-Waldon-Baldwin-Clarkston Circuit has been overwhelmingly positive. A normal plowing requires 1.67 hours to complete.

D. Fund Status

Brinkmann provided copies of the Safety Path Fund Status and the 2014 Safety Path Budget (see attached).

E. 2014 - 2015 Safety Path Extension Project

Discussion of subject future projects highlighted several items:

- Citizen input to 2014 Master Plan (still being developed) shows high priority for completion of safety path (a) on Clarkston between Pine Tree and PollyAnn Trail and (b) on Maybee Rd at the wetlands (boardwalk) just east of Rohr Rd.

- Steele suggested the Indianwood project be revised to include a) adding the section between Joslyn and Fernhurst and b) adding the section in front of the Indianwood CC maintenance shed entrance to fill a missing section on the south side of Indianwood;

Motion by Steele, second by Snowden, to request that OHM develop cost (at current FDM Construction pricing for the Indianwood Project) for the completion of a missing section of safety path on the south side of Indianwood (in front of the Indianwood CC maintenance shed) to connect to existing path on the south side; also, Stout requested to pursue securing an easement where required.

Motion carried 6 – 0

- Rough cost estimate for boardwalk is \$400/lineal ft; for normal asphalt path it is \$90/lineal ft.
- 80/20 Grants are available, but must be supported by a current master plan, which Township does not have as of this date. To obtain these grants Township must normally provide their 100% of project cost up-front.
- MDOT resurfacing of Lapeer Rd (2016) was originally proposed to include full funding of missing safety paths on both north and south side of M-24 from southern Township line to Goldengate. Funding for the safety path portion has been substantially reduced (from approximately \$2M to \$1M), possibly compromising the amount of safety paths MDOT will provide.

After considerable discussion it was decided to call a special workshop meeting to address 2014 - 2015 Safety Path Extension Project(s). Workshop date/time was set at 6 PM, February 11, 2014 at the Township Hall Boardroom, immediately prior to the regular OSPAC Meeting for February.

F. Fernhurst Property

This property – originally purchased with a portion of the purchase price (approximately \$49,000) coming from the Safety Path Fund – has been re-zoned Residential R3 and is currently being appraised for sale. Upon sale, Township Board has been requested to reimburse the Safety Path Fund appropriately.

8. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

Mullins BBQ (just north of CVS on Baldwin) site plan approved. Baldwin Clark Station site plan approved. Orion Commons at SW corner of Scripps and Lapeer mixed-use PUD approved; \$25K as pay-in-lieu to Safety Path Fund for portion of Scripps Rd safety path from west of entrance drive to west end of property abutting Bald Mountain State Park (approximately 600 lineal ft) be provided to Safety Path Fund. Pomeroy Living – Orion

Campus (closed head injury assisted living facility) on NE corner of Scripps and Lapeer still pending approval.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

OHM working with Oakland and Orion Townships to develop a Paint Creek/PollyAnn connector through Bald Mountain State Park. Trash/Restroom vandalism on Orion portion of Paint Creek Trail creating a financial burden.

C. Oakland County Trails Water Land Alliance

No update. Reynolds to attend next meeting.

10. Committee Comment

There were no Committee comments

11. Adjournment

Motion by Brinkmann, second by Steele, to adjourn.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next Meetings:

**Workshop 2014-2015 Safety Path Extension – Tuesday, February 11, 2014 – 6 PM
OrionTownship Hall Boardroom**

**OSPAC Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 11, 2014 – 7PM
OrionTownship Hall Boardroom**