

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 - Township Hall - 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer & Secretary)	Present
Cook, Tony	Present
Cotter, B.C.	Present
Lee, Gerry (Alternate)	Present
Reynolds, Taylor (Chair)	Present
Richards, Jerry	Absent (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

Citizens:

Herb Klein
Karl Thulin
Rosalea Ward
Jack Ward

3. Determination of a Quorum (min 4) – yes, including alternate, 7 votes present,

4. Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2014

Motion by Snowden, second by Brinkmann, to approve minutes as amended.
Motion passed 6 – 0 with 1 abstention

5. Approval of Agenda for February 11, 2014 Meeting

Motion by Steele, second by Brinkmann, to approved agenda as amended to add item 7E, Winter Maintenance and item 7F, Seasonal Work.
Motion passed 6 – 0 with 1 abstention

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – 3 Minute limit per person – There was no public comment

7. Pending Business

A. 2013 Maybee Road at Independence Twp (OHM)

Work scheduled as soon as weather permits, probably the end of April or early May.

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

Project complete except for a bridge/boardwalk and landscape restoration, both of which will be completed as soon as weather permits.

C. Pathway Pavement Maintenance 2014 (OHM)

Bids for this work targeted for mid-May of this year. Bids will allow review of specific pieces for repair, redesign and ADA compliance. Committee will review bids and recommend pieces for the Board to award.

D. 2014-2015 Safety Path Extension Project

Committee reviewed several projects in light of the pending Township Master Plan and prior established priorities. Several projects were recommended to the Board via the motions below.

Motion by Brinkmann, second by Steele that the Township Board add 450 feet of safety path on the south side of Indianwood to the current Indianwood Project Phase 2. This section would complete a missing section of pathway in front of the Indianwood Country Club maintenance shed.

Motion passed 6 – 0 (with 1 abstention)

Motion by Steele, second by Brinkmann that the Township procure easements and prepare construction documents for safety path on the north side of Indianwood Road between Paint Creek Elementary School and Jackson Oaks (This would be Phase 3 of the Indianwood Project).

Motion passed 6 – 0 (with 1 abstention)

Motion by Reynolds, second by Steele that the Township procure easements and prepare construction documents for safety path on the south side of Indianwood Road between Joslyn Road and Central (This would be Phase 4 of the Indianwood Project)

Motion passed 6 – 0 (with 1 abstention)

Motion by Steele, second by Brinkmann that the Township procure easements and prepare construction documents for safety path on the north side of Clarkston Road between the PollyAnn Trail and Pine Tree Road

Motion passed 6 – 0 (with 1 abstention)

Motion by Brinkmann, second by Cotter that the Township procure easements and prepare construction documents for safety path on the north side of Clarkston Road between Baldwin Road and the west boundary of the Township.

Motion passed 5 – 1 (with 1 abstention)

E. Winter Maintenance

Stout reported that the Township has received an unusual amount of positive feedback for the snow removal effort for the Joslyn-Waldon-Baldwin-Clarkston circuit – in spite of that effort being compromised by the extreme snowfalls of the last 2 months. Purchase of an auger attachment for the snow removal vehicle would enable the Township to handle those extreme snowfalls. After the discussion, the following motion was offered:

Motion by Steele, second by Reynolds, that the Township purchase an auger attachment for the current snow removal equipment to provide the capability of addressing large snowfalls.

Motion passed 6 – 0 (with 1 abstention)

F. Seasonal Work

Stout reported that the 2014 safety path budget includes provision for four (4) seasonal workers dedicated to safety path vegetation control.

8. New Business

A. MDOT M-24 Pedestrian Improvements

Originally MDOT planned to provide pathway on both east and west sides of M-24 as part of the M-24 Project; subsequently, the funding for pathways was reduced to roughly ½ the original amount. Under that circumstance, the Committee discussed allocation of pathway construction and elimination of “gaps” in the existing system to provide the most benefit to the Township, with the aim of providing direction for MDOT. The following motion resulted:

Motion by Steele, second by Reynolds that the Township request the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to proceed with M-24 safety path design work on both east and west sides of M-24. Further, the Township supports MDOT’s plans to provide safety path on the east side of M-24 in its entirety and requests the opportunity to review costs associated with the completing the safety path gaps on the west side of M-24, with the section between Waldon and Scripps Road being the top priority.

Motion passed 6 – 0 (with 1 abstention)

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

Nothing to report

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele)

Ad hoc committee to address connection possibilities for these two trails will walk potential areas April 17, from 10 AM – 12 Noon

C. Oakland County Trails Water Land Alliance (Reynolds)
Nothing to report

10. Committee Comment

Flood: Will provide reference material to two newest members of the Committee. Informed Committee that there is now an "Electronic Board Packet" posted on the township website under the tab "Board Book." The public can access and review the Board's regular meeting agenda and the same detailed agenda item documents (minus "Confidential" documents) that are provided to the Board of Trustees, thus resulting in providing the public with a more transparent form of local government.

Cotter: Reminded the Committee that the safety path millage will need to be renewed in 2018 and suggested that, depending on economical circumstances, the Committee may want to keep in mind the possibility of a future safety path bond issue.

Inquired about the poor condition of the safety path crossings for Canterbury Village. Response from OHM indicated that RCOC Joslyn improvements would address that issue.

11. Adjournment

Moton by Reynolds, second by Steele, to adjourn.
Motion Passed 6 – 0 with 1 abstention

Meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2014 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Hall