

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Township Hall

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Secretary/Treasurer)	PRESENT
Cook, Tony	PRESENT
Cotter, B.C.	EXCUSED
Flood, Michael (Non-voting)	PRESENT
Katers, Jessica (OHM – Twp Engr)	PRESENT
Lee, Gerry (Alternate)	PRESENT
Reynolds, Taylor (Chair)	PRESENT
Richards, Jerry	PRESENT
Snowden, Eugene (Vice-chair)	PRESENT
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	PRESENT
Stout, Jeff (Operations Director)	PRESENT

Citizens: Jack & Rosalea Ward

3. Determination of a Quorum – Yes, with alternate, 7 of 7 voting members present

4. Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2014 Meeting

Motion by Richards, second by Taylor, to approve minutes as submitted

Motion passed 7 - 0

5. Approval of Agenda for June 10, 2014 Meeting

Motion by Steele, second by Lee, to approve agenda with following amendments:

Add item 7A-11, Fund Status

Add item 7A-2, Waldon Road Abutment Collapse

Add item 7D, Gregory Road Addition to the Township Pathway Master Plan

Motion passed 7 - 0

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

Two items from Stout:

- A letter was received from a citizen of Auburn Hills questioning why there was no pathway around the GM Orion Plant, particularly in view of a bicycle fatality on Silverbell several years ago. The Master Plan shows existing and proposed pathway around the Plant, some of which is already completed. The GM property was developed before the Township Ordinance requiring developers to install pathways; therefore they were not obligated to do so. Cost to complete encirclement of the Plant was estimated at approximately \$475,000. Due to other priorities and limited funding there are no immediate plans for that area. It was suggested an inquiry might be made to request GM to pay for the work.
- Previously the Township received verbal agreement that MDOT, during the resurfacing of M-24, would provide 1) design and construction of pathway along the east side of the M-24 and 2) design and *possibly* partial construction (as far as funds would permit) of pathway along the west side of the M-24. Recently MDOT informed the Township that due to cost constraints, the amount of pathway MDOT will provide may be less than previously mentioned. After some discussion the following motion was made:

Motion by Brinkmann, second by Steele, for Stout to write a letter to MDOT in the name of the Committee reminding MDOT of previous M-24 resurfacing plans to include 1) design and construction of pathway along the east side of the M-24 and 2) design and *possibly* partial construction of pathway along the west side of the M-24 – and requesting that they adhere to the that agreement.

Motion passed 7 - 0

7. Pending Business

A. Pathway Pavement Maintenance 2014

Safety Path Fund Status – Brinkmann presented a summary of the Fund status at the end of 2013 and through April 30, 2014. Current unrestricted funds are \$1,513,252; current unrestricted funds (dedicated to major maintenance) funds are \$582,645. It was noted that some major repair work which should have been funded from restricted fund appeared to be funded from the unrestricted funds; also, contributions from developers was shown as a unrestricted fund capital cost. Stout agreed to investigate.

Waldon Road Abutment Collapse – Waldon Lakes Apartment (on the southeast corner of Waldon & Joslyn Rds) has agreed to repair the area of collapsed abutment that fell on the pathway. The path was covered with debris, but not damaged. Rather than rebuilding the abutment, the area may be graded more appropriately.

2014 Scheduled Maintenance Status – Areas of repair have been re-marked for clarity. Pavex has been awarded the contract and is beginning work in the southwest quadrant of the township and proceeding counter-clockwise. Completion of project(s) is targeted for the end of July.

Township ground crews have begun trimming brush; specifically, the roundabout at Indianwood and Baldwin has been sprayed and cleaned and the intersection at M-24 and Silverbell has been mowed. Work continues.

Trees uprooted in the recent storm caused serious damage to several areas of pathway on Conklin and Orion Roads and M-24. OHM is assessing damage for repair.

- B. 2013 Maybee Road at Independence Twp – Construction Update – A short stretch on South side of Indianwood in the area of the Indianwood Country Club maintenance shed (to connect two existing sections of pathway) has been added to this project, which is being done by FDM Construction. Indianwood easement has been procured and the startup meeting for both the Maybee Road and Indianwood road portions is scheduled for next week.
- C. Indianwood Phase II – N. Side to Paint Creek – Construction Update – This project has been completed. Engineering studies for Phase III, Indianwood from Paint Creek Elementary to Jackson Oaks, and Phase IV, south side of Indianwood from Joslyn to Fernhurst, are scheduled to be complete in August; easement procurement will follow.
- D. Gregory Road Addition to the Township Pathway Master Plan – Flood raised the possible need to add Gregory Road to the Master Plan. He suggested without it, a subdivision being considered at the west end of Gregory will not be required to install pathway per the Safety Path Ordinance. Richard suggested that the PUD for the development would be the time to raise the question. Katers, who reports Planning Commission activity to this Committee, agreed to keep the Committee abreast of the issue.

8. Organization Reports

- A. Planning Commission (OHM) – Four sites are in-process. Orion Commons (southwest corner of M-24 and Scripps) held a preconstruction meeting the week of June 2nd, 2014 and construction will begin this month. Tim Hortons (PUD amendment to Village Square, Baldwin and Maybee) will have a 2nd Reading held at the Board Meeting the week of June 16th, 2014; they will be installing pathway in front of their parcel on Baldwin Road. The other two projects are on Baldwin Road, Clark Gas Station Rehab and Mullins Barbecue, north of CVS; both will have pathway installed along Baldwin Road if approved for construction.
- B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele) – Polly Ann Trail folks are planning a Halloween Fun Run Fund Raiser. Township does mowing on Polly Ann from Joslyn to Greenshield; trail does mowing north of that. Overturned trash containers on the Paint Creek Trail have been a problem: Township ground crews have to clean up the messes.

9. Committee Comment

Stout: Township is developing a parking area for the Polly Ann Trail at the Orion Center.

Flood: Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) has installed an ADA Crossing on Joslyn at the Township Hall/Civic Center Park. There is no path on the Township Hall side. There was disagreement regarding whether this should be done with safety path funds, if done at all. Subsequent to this meeting it was clarified that the Township had agreed to pursue Tri-party funding for the path in question. ITC is planning to spray to control Fragmite on their easement on the east side of the Township.

Richards: Indianwood Country Club does not want to trim vegetation over the path on Joslyn next to the golf course. Stout agreed to investigate.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Taylor, second by Steele, to adjourn at 8:18 PM

Motion passed 7 - 0

Next Meeting: August 12, 2014 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Hall