

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Township Hall

APPROVED

1. Call to Order - 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call – 7:01 PM

Brinkmann, Michael (Secretary)	Excused
Cook, Tony (Treasurer)	Absent
Cotter, B.C. (Vice-Chair)	Present
Flood, Michael (Non-Voting)	Excused
Katers, Jessica (OHM - Twp Engr)	Present
Kliever, Kim (OHM Engr)	Present
Lee, Gerry	Excused
Marr, Jackson (Alternate)	Present
Reynolds, Taylor (Chair)	Excused
Richards, Jerry	Present
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	Present
Stout, Jeff (Operations Director)	Excused
Whatley, Aaron	Present

3. Determination of a Quorum (7:05 PM) - Yes; 4/7 voting members present.

4. Approval of Minutes for June 9th, 2015 Meeting

Motion:

By Steele, second by Marr, to approve minutes for the June 9th, 2015

Motion passed 4 – 0

5. Approval of Agenda for August 11th, 2015 Meeting – 7:11 PM

Motion:

By Steele, second by Richards, to approve the agenda for the August 11th, 2015 Meeting with the addition of New Business item 7C: Farmers Market Safety Path Booth.

Motion passed 4 - 0

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

7. New Business

- Silverbell Rd Bald Mtn Golf Course PUD (See attached PUD Off Site Improvements) – 7:15 PM

Katers detailed the specifics of the “Off-Site Improvements project, in which (among several other stipulations) Pulte will install an 8-foot wide asphalt pedestrian/bicycle path from the entrance of the development on Silverbell Rd running northerly through the development constructed to be during the first phase of the development, and along Silverbell on the north side from Squirrel Road to the Silverbell Oaks entrance and on the south side from Squirrel Road to Kern Road, as well as provide at no cost to the township an 8-foot wide easement for the future extension of the internal pedestrian/bicycle path to the Bald Mountain Recreation Area, along with an easement across the frontage of the property along Kern Rd for the future pathway along Kern Rd. Followed by committee discussion.

- Joslyn Road Path from Hammerslea to Brown Road (See attached Email) – 7:20 PM

Email from Township Clerk Penny Shults requesting the Committee discuss the extension of the Joslyn Rd safety path from Hammerslea to Brown Rd. Shults expressed concern for the walkers and bikers traveling along this section of busy, high-speed road. Shults also suggested a possible route, crossing Joslyn at Silverbell and installing a path on the east side of Joslyn from Silverbell to Brown Rd.

Katers estimated that the proposed stretch of pathway down Joslyn (approximately 1 mile) would cost about \$700,000 (\$11,000 - \$12,000 per 100 feet) due to the elevation difference between the properties and the roadway and the two railroad crossings. Committee discussed a response to the email, Whatley will draft a response.

- Farmers Market Safety Path Booth – 7:28 PM

Steele: Committee will set up and man a Safety Path community engagement booth Wednesday, August 26th from 2pm – 7pm.

Plan to coordinate via email and set up a schedule for manning the booth.

8. Pending Business

- Financial Review – 7:33 PM

No financial review.

- Joslyn Rd Path North of Heights Rd – 7:34 PM

Katers attended the preconstruction meeting for the Joslyn Road RCO project which was awarded to Ajax Paving to discuss the proposed coordination of the roadwork and the pathway maintenance work. The proposed schedule for Joslyn Road closure between Heights and Indianwood is end of September/beginning of October.

A quote for the proposed maintenance work on the Joslyn Road pathway (along the Indianwood Golf Course Country Club (IWGCC) property) was obtained from FDM, who is currently under contract with the Township for the construction of the Clarkston Road pathway from Baldwin west to the Township limits. The quote for all the proposed patches and the stabilization of 380 ft of pathway (includes construction of retaining wall and removal and replacement of fence) is \$290,000, of which \$111,000 was for retaining wall installation (@ \$98/sq.ft.).

Committee discussion regarding how to proceed with project.

Motion:

By Steele, second by Richards, for Whatley/Katers to talk with Supervisor Barnett regarding soliciting quote from AJAX for Joslyn Rd North of Heights Safety Path maintenance and repair.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- Clarkston Rd - North Side Poly Ann to Pine Tree – Grant Application – 7:48 PM

Katers provided a brief overview of the grant application process. Final decisions will be made in October and enacted by the Senate and House in December.

- Clarkston Rd WM and Pathway Extension – Bid May 2015 – 7:50 PM

Katers: 3,000 ft of 6,000 ft of water main construction complete. Two easements were still required for proposed pathway work along Clarkston Road; however, the pathway has been redesigned in front of those properties to a narrower 6 ft pathway that is completely contained within the right-of-way.

- Indianwood Ph. III – North Side Paint Creek to Jackson Oaks – Easement Update – 7:57 PM

No Update.

- Indianwood Ph. IV – South Side Joslyn to Fernhurst – Easement Update – 8:03 PM

Katers clarified that Mr. Aldridge has the proposed easements for review for the IWGCC property along Indianwood Road and the first parcel east of Central Drive. Additionally, the Fernhurst property sale is pending and the conceptual pathway design is within the right-of-way. The other four residential property owners have not been approached regarding easement acquisition at this time.

- M-24 Overlay Improvements – 8:05 PM

MDOT plans to include east side pathways with the exception of Greenshield Rd.

Katers met with Safe Routes to School to discuss pathways to school (near G's Pizza). The approximate 150 ft of path needed would be fairly expensive due to the fact that most of the path would be boardwalk. Katers detailed the grant opportunities (\$200,000 per K-8 school within a 1.5 mile radius).

Richards suggested rerouting the proposed pathway behind the nearby businesses to avoid costly boardwalk.

9. Organization Reports

- Planning Commission (OHM) – 8:12 PM

Katers gave a general overview, no updates.

- Paint Creek / Polly Ann (Steele) – 8:20 PM

Steele:

- New parking lot installed at Lake George Rd and Polly Ann Trail in Addison Twp. for only \$500.
- Township owns lot at Indianwood going north.
- Zombie run coming in October.
- Polly Ann bike fix-it station installed.

10. Committee Comment – 8:25 PM

Move next meeting from September 8th to the 15th.

Cotter:

- Noticed more and more people using Orion safety paths for a variety of activities.
- Adds to feeling of community.
- Rise in use directly corresponds with an increase in connectivity.
- Tight schedule for putting up library display.
- Tablecloth ideas.

11. Adjournment – 8:32 PM

Motion by Marr, second by Richards, to adjourn.

Motion approved 4-0