

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Township Offices

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer)	here
Cook, Tony	here
Cotter, B.C. (Alternate)	absent with notice
Flood, Michael (Non-Voting)	absent with notice
Katers, Jessica (OHM - Twp Engr)	absent with notice
Lee, Gerry (Vice Chair)	here
Reynolds, Taylor (Chair)	absent with notice
Richards, Jerry	here
Richards, Pamela (Secretary)	here
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	here
Stout, Jeff (Operations Director)	here

3. Determination of a Quorum (min 4)

Determined

4. Approval of Minutes for August 9, 2016 Meeting

Motion made by Michael Brinkmann and supported by Jerry Richards. Motion Passed

5. Approval of Agenda for September 13, 2016 Meeting

Motion made by Donni Steele and supported by Michael Brinkmann. Motion Passed

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

None

7. New Business

A. Poly Ann Coordination – Sign on Clarkston for Polly Ann

Jessica Katers – No additional conversation has been had with Mr. Ball, Polly Ann Trail Manager, re: the placement of the Polly Ann sign. OHM reached out to him via email on August 8, 2016 offering to meet on-site and sharing the proposed pathway plan layout with him. I sent a follow up email this morning as well.

Donni Steele – Mr. Ball has resigned as manager. The process to hire a new manager is almost complete. The bid is closed for the sign. Polly Ann Trail applied and received grant for the sign. This needs to be resolved this year or the grant will be lost.

B. Sign on Heights Road for pathway on Joslyn

No update.

8. Pending Business

A. Banner

B.C. Cotter – banner picked up

B. Financial Update

Michael Brinkmann – no updates were available from the Township.

C. M-24 Overlay Improvements (Harman to Golden Gate)

Jessica Katers – We contacted MDOT/FTCH in regards to a couple of areas that were of concern from the last meeting and were told they would be looked at and addressed. We will continue to follow up with them on these areas.

Committee observations - There are some unsafe conditions.

D. Silverbell Road Pathway

Jessica Katers – We've continued to gather easements from the property owners. Kelly Services rep notified me today via email that they are ready to move forward with granting their easement.

Jeff Stout – Pulte has been asking for updates and have now been informed of this development.

E. Clarkston Road - N. Side Thistle Valley to Pine Tree w/watermain

Jessica Katers – We have turned in our bid package for review to the MDNR and are proposing to be out for bid by the end of the month. Water main construction would occur this fall and over the winter; bike path installation would be slated for spring of 2017. We are including in our specifications the sulfur root treatment that G. Lee spoke about at the last meeting. MSU Grounds has successfully been using the treatment as an inexpensive insurance policy for root control.

F. Clarkston Road – N. Side Poly Ann Trail to Thistle Valley

Jessica Katers – The next step for the grant application for Phase 1B of Clarkston Road is to be scored by the MDNR. We have not yet received that score card. We'll be contacting them this week to find out when that is to be expected.

G. Indianwood Ph III – N. Side Paint Creek to Jackson Oaks – Easement Update

Jessica Katers – No additional work has been completed on the easement acquisition at this time.

H. Indianwood Ph IV – S. Side Joslyn to Fernhurst – Easement Update

Jessica Katers – No additional work has been completed on the easement acquisition at this time.

Steele/Stout – Cavanaugh, who purchased the land at Fernhurst and M24, is still giving an easement of 6/10th of acre for public parking lot for Township trails.

I. Joslyn Road Path N of Heights Road

Jessica Katers – No additional work has been completed on this repair project at this time. At previous OSPAC meetings, the repair work was being talked about for a possible 2017 MDNR Trust Fund Grant. In order to prepare the grant application for submittal next spring, the application prep would need to start in Jan/Feb 2017.

***Note to Committee** – we have yet to decide on going forward with this grant application.

J. Pathway Maintenance – Boardwalks & M-24/Stratford at grade path after M-24 complete

Jessica Katers – The repair work on the Stratford Bridge is proposed to begin as M-24 continues to wind down.

(G) Adding item to Agenda: Pathway maintenance

Donni Steele – spurs and bridge at Indian Lake need to be addressed by OT.

BRIDGE: the bridge is damaged. We're not yet sure who owns the bridge – north half owned by the condominium there.

ORION ROAD TO PAINT CREEK TRAIL: needs maintenance. The spur goes through bald Mountain and is owned by the DNR. The township can maintain it but can we pave it?

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

Jessica Katers – Baldwin Road Streetscape Public Meeting has been set for Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 6 to 8pm.

*The public meeting will be held at the Orion Center.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann

Donni Steele – Polly Ann

New manager interviews done; will have the new manager by 21st.

5k Zombie Run for October 8 at Orion Centre.

Saddle Up and Ride horse trail event September 17th.

Trying to get water source to bathroom by Leonard

Donni Steele – Paint creek

2k bridge walk and 10k run on Labor Day weekend; 300 people turned out

Jeff Stout – Paint Creek

Grant received to remove some of the vandalized portion and approval/grant this being fixed this weekend.

The brush above the paths are to be cut between Leonard and bridge.

Jessica Katers – Paint Creek

The PC has had two redevelopments come through in the past month and both already have pathway along their frontage. One is located on Brown Road and will occupy the Chief Financial Credit Union Building. The second is on Silverbell Road and is a redevelopment of The Villa at Silverbell Estates property.

10. Committee Comment

Jerry Richards – As a committee we should keep in mind the fact that guard rails were used to separate the safety path from M24 and use this as an example of what could be done on Indianwood to connect from Fernhurst to M24. In conjunction with that consideration should also be given to slowing down the speed limit to 35 MPH.

Jeff Stout – Indianwood is a State-owned road

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Michael Brinkmann and seconded by Jerry Richards. Motion passed

Adjourned at 8:05pm

Next Meeting: October 11, 2016 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Offices

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