

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION SAFETY PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER. The Charter Township of Orion Safety Path Committee held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan. Chairperson Tony Cook called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Michael Brinkmann (Treasurer)	present
Tony Cook (Chair)	present
B.C. Cotter (Alternate)	absent (<i>with notice</i>)
Michael Flood (Non-Voting)	absent (<i>with notice</i>)
Jessica Katers (OHM – Twp. Engr.)	absent (<i>with notice</i>)
Taylor Reynolds	absent (<i>with notice</i>)
Jerry Richards	absent (<i>with notice</i>)
Donni Steele (Board Rep.)	present
Jeff Stout (Operations Director)	present
Jenn Zielinski (Secretary)	absent (<i>with notice</i>)

3. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (min. 4): No Quorum (*Informational only*)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR February 13, 2018 MEETING: No changes requested – approval will take place at the next meeting, pending quorum needed.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2018 MEETING: Donni Steele requested the addition of 8.I. - Bells under Pending Business. Michael Brinkmann requested the addition of Item 7.B. - Terms Expiring under New Business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minute Limit per Person): Craig Kempenaar, 796 Central, expressed concerns about seeing utility trucks driving on the safety path, and asked if tax dollars paid for the damage caused by those trucks. Jeff Stout stated that we do have an ordinance that prohibits motorized vehicle traffic on any of our safety paths, and stated that they have meetings with utilities on a regular basis. Mr. Stout stated that he has not yet been successful in keeping the utility contractors off of the paths. They argue that they believe that it is in the right of way, and since they are providing utility service, they should be allowed to drive on them. Mr. Stout stated that in the event that a path is damaged, the Township does insist on repairs being made by the utility companies who are responsible for the damages. Mr. Kampanara asked if the Township had to pay for the repairs to a bridge that was damaged near Barrington Cove condominiums. Jeff Stout stated that the damage in front of Barrington Cove was from a car, and their insurance paid for the damage. Mr. Kampanara asked if the bridge that was damaged recently on Clarkston Road was repaired with funds from an insurance company as well. Mr. Stout stated that the insurance company did pay for the damages. Mr. Stout stated that the Township will continue to keep up on these concerns. John Vansteenien, 969 Indianwood Road, expressed concerns about the plans for the safety path that will impact his property.

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7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 Officers: Jenn Zielinski – Acceptance as Secretary of SPAC Meetings, pending.

B. Terms Expiring: Michael Brinkmann noted that terms for the current members will be expiring on December 31, 2018, and asked for recruiting to begin.

8. PENDING BUSINESS

A. Financial Update: Treasurer Mike Brinkmann gave an update on Finances as follows:

- The contributions from developers increased, so the revenue has increased to \$856,944.67. (12/31/2017)
- Construction Products Expenditures = \$1,515,874.72
- Total Unrestricted Fund Expenditures = \$1,629,329.53
- Remaining Unrestricted Fund Balance = \$(772,384.86) more than annual amount.
- Total Safety Path Fund Balance = \$1,522,973.42
- Unrestricted Funds Available = \$846,011.60
- Restricted Funds Available = \$166,275.82

TAP Grant funds that will be available are needed for future projects.

B. Safe Routes to School: Per letter from Jessica Katers, we have gotten feedback from RCOG in regards to using active speed monitoring signs on Scripps Road and we can finalize the non-infrastructure grant application.

C. Silverbell Road Pathway: Per letter from Jessica Katers, all of the piers are in for the boardwalk construction and the framing/deck installation is -50% complete. They anticipate completing the work within the next week. Additional paving will need to be done to finish off the project and won't be able to be completed until the asphalt plants are back open.

D. Clarkston Road-North Side Polly Ann Trail to Thistle Valley: Per letter from Jessica Katers, the contractor has submitted an estimate for the Phase 1B work that we are reviewing and preparing for presentation.

E. Joslyn Road Path North of Heights Road (grant): Per letter from Jessica Katers, Michigan SB 0883 (2018) was referred to the appropriations committee on 2/28/2018. After this bill makes its way through the senate and the house and is signed by the Governor, a project agreement will be drafted by the MDNR. Once the Township has entered into the agreement, we can proceed with getting a bid package into the DNR for their approval. This project could possibly be constructed yet this fall.

F. Pathway Maintenance: No updates at this time.

G. E. Clarkston Road Pathway Project: Per letter from Jessica Katers, the TAP grant application was submitted at the beginning of March. The MDNR Trust Fund Grant application is being prepared for submittal by April 1, 2018.

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H. Indianwood – Easement Request: Per letter from Jessica Katers:

- Indianwood Phase III has 2 temporary easements and 4 permanent easements (one of the permanent ones is on Paint Creek Elementary School's property).
- Indianwood Phase IV has 2 temporary easements and 3 permanent easements. One of the temporary easements has been signed and returned to the Township. Two of the permanent easements are associated with the IWGCC.
- We have met with one homeowner on their property and have two additional meetings scheduled this week; all of these properties are in IW III.
- We have an open house style public meeting planned for Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Conceptual plan sets will be available for viewing at this time. The public is welcome to attend this meeting.

Jeff Stout encouraged guests/public to come to the meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Mr. Stout stated that they are currently in the process of talking with homeowners to speak with them about easements and potential pathway designs. Mr. Stout stated that the Township Board is solidly behind completing the pathway connection and he encouraged the public to attend a future Board meeting to express their concerns or anything that is on their mind.

Mr. Kampanara and John Vansteenien shared more of their concerns regarding the safety path.

I. Bells. Donni Steele updated the committee on the purchase of bells. 300 bells were purchased with the Orion Township logo on top, at a cost of \$540.00. The bells will be passed out at upcoming events in the Township.

Jeff Stout stated that on the South side of Clarkston Road, west of Baldwin Road, there is a residence which is a barn which has changed ownership. The new owners are talking about making some changes and if they do, part of the recommendation will be that the site plan will need to follow the Township's Master Plan for safety paths.

9. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

A. Planning Commission: No updates at this time.

B. Paint Creek/Polly Ann Trail: Donni Steele stated that the TAP Grant has been submitted. SEMCOG will be reviewing the TAP Grant. Chris Barnett is one of the executive members of SEMCOG, and he will be going there to see what he can do to add information, if needed, to receive the TAP Grant. Ms. Steele spoke about the new connection to the Polly Ann Trail in downtown Lake Orion, and they are hoping to have them be a part of the Paint Creek Trail. Ms. Steele updated the committee on the portion of the Polly Ann Trail which was closed (south of Drahner) due to a caved in section of the road. Ms. Steele stated that they are beginning fundraising efforts to get the goats back on the trail. A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2018 to discuss E-bikes. Ms. Steele noted that Aaron Whatley is a new member on the Polly Ann Trail Committee.

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10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chairperson Tony Cook thanked Mr. Kampanara and John Vansteen for coming to the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tony Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Township Offices

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