



**Charter Township of Orion
Parks and Path Advisory Committee
November 18th, 2021- 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Orion Center
1335 Joslyn Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48360**

LEADERSHIP:

CHAIRPERSON: Tom Fisher
VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Jenn Miller
SECRETARY: Kevin Gorman

1. CALL TO ORDER START TIME 6:02 PM

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (minimum 4 members) Members Present: 11

MOTION BY Tom Fisher (Acting Chairman)

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	Fisher, Tom	Present	Berwick, Jay	Present
	Miller, Jenn	Present	Richards, Jerry	Absent
	Cotter, BC	Present	Pike, Elizabeth	Present
	Gorman, Kevin	Present	Dalrymple, Julia (Board Rep)	Present
	Steele, Donni (Board Rep)	Present	Birney, Brian (Altn. Board Rep)	Absent
	Landis, Mark (OHM – Twp. Engr.)	Present	Whatley, Aaron (P&R Director)	Present
	Patrick Ross	Present		

GUESTS: (none)

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES MOTION BY: Donni Steele SECOND BY: Jenn Miller

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA START TIME 6:03 PM

MOTION BY Donni Steele **SECOND BY** Julia Dalrymple

With the addition of some time to discuss “Friendly Dragon Pocket Park”

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS (3 minute limit per person)

DISCUSSION: (None)

6. New Business (Start time: 6:04)

- a. Parks and Recreation Fee changes discussion. This committee recommended the approval of the increases See Attached.
- b. Orion Road and Kern Rd Crosswalk discussion. The township is placing the intersection where Orion Road, Kern Road, Stony Creek road and Conklin road meet on the engineering agenda for the upcoming year as a candidate for a safety path crossing. The township and OHM is looking at higher priority, more hazardous crossings for consideration, and this is used frequently.
- c. Future Community Benefit Projects. An assignment for committee members is to look for potential projects. There was a discussion of “Planned Urban Development” grants that are being made for availability. Some ideas might come from the Township Master Plan.
- d. Friendly Dragon Pocket Park Fencing Project. The park is getting looked at to complete a fence around the park. Julia Dalrymple motioned to recommend to Parks and Recreation & Board of

Trustees to install fencing along the entire perimeter and to completely enclose the entire "Friendly Dragon Pocket Park" on the SE corner of Jordan Road and Baldwin Road. Jenn Miller supported motion. All Ayes, motioned passed at 6:30 pm.

7. Pending Business (start time: 6:31 PM)

a. Safety Path Updates Discussion.

- i. New Parks and Rec employee Tanner is cleaning up the paths (before and after work pictures were shared).
- ii. The major "loop" (Joslyn -> Clarkston -> Baldwin -> Waldon roads) will be plowed during winter months (but no ice removal).
- iii. Safe Routes to School Update given
- iv. A request was discussed to possibly review paths for drainage grates that could have openings that could hold a bike tire causing an accident.
- v. There were also discussions regarding crossings with sharp curbs (such as those by Christ Redeemer Church). The township will be purchasing a cement grinder that should start to address the uneven path issues next season.

- b. Clarkston Re/Buckhorn Lk Boardwalk discussion. It turns out that due to the rain this summer, that the water needed to be pumped out Buckhorn lake. The boardwalk will need maintenance since water was under the boardwalk for about a month.

8. Directors' Reports (Start time 6: 53 PM)

- a. Director's report was given by Aaron Wately. Upcoming township park improvements include:
- Disc Golf
 - Park Lighting projects
 - Development of Pickle Ball courts and parking at Friendship Park
 - Development of "Ninja" warrior course at Civic Center
 - Safety Path Budget was discussed
 - There was a discussion of the fact that the Orion Parks department is now self sufficient from revenue generated from community programs (such as Soccer, Softball and Baseball).
 - Plans for the Civic Center park expansion on the old township office buildings was discussed (See attached)

9. Organization Reports (Start time 7:18 PM)

a. Planning Commission (OHM)

There was a discussion of the relationship between this committee and the planning commission as to what helps to drive the priorities. The bottom line is that the Township Master Plan should be driving the process.

b. Paint Creek Trail Update

National Trails Day Event Saturday June 4, 2022

c. Polly Ann Trail:

Grants have been applied for the Vault Restrooms on the trail

d. Safety Paths

e. Upcoming Community Events

- Breakfast with the Grinch (12/12/2022)
- LO Light Parade (12/04/2022)
- Snow Dash (12/15/2022)

10. Committee Comments (none)

11. Next Steps: Next Meeting January 20, 2022.

12. Adjournment: 7:45 PM

Motion: Jenn Miller

Second: Donni Steele

Attachments follow

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TO: Aaron Whatley, Park & Recreation Director
FROM: Eve Ryan, Office Assistant – Parks & Recreation
RE: Potential Facility Rental Fee Increase
DATE: October 25, 2021

As we have not updated our fees in several years, I wish to propose a fee increase for some of our more popular facility rentals:

1. Orion Center
 - a. Gold Package (generally used for weddings/large banquets – all three dining rooms and kitchen for 6 hours). Proposed fee increases from \$750 to \$900 Resident/\$1000 Non-Resident. We are very underpriced in comparison to other venues with similar amenities, and the new fee structure would be consistent with our current policy of offering resident discounts.
 - b. Silver Package (generally used for showers & smaller parties – dining room A + kitchen for 4 hours). Propose increasing the package rate from \$325 for residents to \$350 for 4 hours, and adding a non-resident rate of \$400 for the same period, in order to be consistent with our current policy.
2. Friendship Park
 - a. Grand Rental package (popular for graduation parties – meeting room/kitchen/pavilion) and Wedding Special (same as above – includes gazebo). Proposed increase of \$25 on both resident and non-resident rates - currently Grand cost for the first three hours is \$140 weekday, \$150 weekend, and \$175 non-resident and Wedding Special is \$150/\$175/\$200; these rates would be in keeping with other municipal rental facilities. In addition, there is an proposed increase in the additional hour rate by \$10.
 - b. Meeting room proposed increase is +\$20 per 1st 3 hours/additional hour +\$10. Pavilion increase is \$15 for 1st 3 hours/additional hour +\$5.
 - c. Gazebo +\$5 hourly.
3. Camp Agawam
 - a. Shelters – currently \$50 daily rate; propose \$75 daily rate and a \$40 half day (under 6 hours) rate.

Chart reflecting proposed changes:

Package	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Orion Center:		
OC - Gold Package	\$750 R & NR	\$900 R / \$1000 NR
OC - Silver Package	\$325 R & NR	\$350 R / \$400 NR
Friendship Park:		
Grand Rental - 3 hrs. (Mtg Room + Pavilion)	M - F: \$140/SS: \$150/NR: \$175	M-F: \$165/SS: \$175/NR: \$200
Additional hour	M - F: \$35/SS: \$40/NR: \$45	M - F: \$45/SS: \$50/NR: \$55
Wedding Special - 3 hrs. (Mtg Rm + Pavilion + gazebo)	M - F: \$150/SS: \$175/NR: \$200 Additional hour: \$35/\$40/\$45	M - F: \$175/SS: 200/NR: \$225 Additional hour: \$45/\$50/\$55
Meeting Room 3 hrs.	M - F: \$75/SS: \$100/NR: \$120 Additional hour: \$15/\$25/\$30	M-F: \$95/SS: \$120/NR: \$140 Additional hour: \$25/\$35/\$40
Pavilion 3 hrs.	M - F: \$60/SS: \$75/NR: \$100 Additional hour: \$15/\$20/\$25	M-F: \$75/SS: \$90/NR: \$115 Additional hour: \$20/\$25/\$30
Gazebo - hourly	Res: \$20 / Non Res: \$25	Res: \$25 / Non Res: \$30
Comp Agawam:		
All Pavilions	\$50 Daily	\$75 Day (6+ hrs); \$45 1/2 Day (6-hrs)

All other facility rates would remain the unchanged. Based on the popularity of these rental packages, I do not anticipate a drop in demand. Proposed rates would be effective for rental applications received after January 1, 2022.

