



Charter Township of Orion
Parks and Path Advisory Committee
May 20 2021- 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Orion Center
1335 Joslyn Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48360
 (Meeting was in-person)

LEADERSHIP:

CHAIRPERSON: (vacant)
VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Jenn Miller
SECRETARY: Kevin Gorman

1. CALL TO ORDER

START TIME 6:04 pm

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (minimum 4 members) Members Present: 8
MOTION BY Aaron Whatley **SECOND BY** Julia Dalrymple

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Miller, Jenn	Absent	Berwick, Jay	Arrived 6:09
Cotter, BC	Absent	Richards, Jerry	Present
Gorman, Kevin	Present	Williams, Tim	Absent
Steele, Donni (Acting Chair)	Present	Dalrymple, Julia (Board Rep)	Present
Landis, Mark (OHM – Twp. Engr.)	Present	Birney, Brian (Altn. Board Rep)	Absent
		Whatley, Aaron (P&R Director)	Present

GUESTS:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(as presented previously sent in email)
 As presented via email **Motion by:** Jerry Richards **Second:** Julia Dalrymple (All ayes)

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION BY Aaron Whatley **SECOND BY** (n/a) Julia Dalrymple (All Ayes)

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

DISCUSSION: (none)

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Replacement: Aaron has some people in mind who have expressed interest in the Parks and Path Committee and proposed that a motion be made to postpone the Chairperson replacement discussion until next meeting. In addition, committee member Tim Williams wishes to step down.
Motion: Jerry Richards **SECOND BY** Kevin Gorman (All Ayes)
- b. Clarkston Road Safety Path issue: OHM Advisors on Clarkston Road are asking for a waiver from a township ordinance for the construction of a safety path at the front of their property due to the cost. The cost was estimated to be quite high. Instead the township is in favor of accepting

a donation to construct a safety path at the north side of Silverbell by the new gas station. For this, Jerry Richards made the following motion:

“The Parks and Path Advisory Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that instead of installing a safety path along the South Side of Clarkson Road in front of API Consulting (PC-2021-40);

Developer/Owner agrees to reimburse Orion Township Safety Path Fund \$11,000 in lieu of construction.”

Donni Steele Supported the motion, and the recommendation will be made to the Township.
(All Ayes)

7. Pending Business

a. Path Project Updates – Landis, OHM

- i. Retaining Wall #3** (at Joslyn and Walden) is nearly complete. Restoration to the path in front of the wall will start. New trees will be planted away from the wall .
- ii. Safe routes:**
 1. Waldon Road/Middle school: Nearly complete
 2. Carpenter Elementary School: Under Progress
 3. Stadium Middle School: Construction to start by May 27th
 4. Orion Oaks Middle School: Construction to start July 26th
 5. Weber Elementary: Construction to start July 26th
 6. Paint Creek Elementary: Construction to start August 11th
 7. Blanch Sims: Construction to start August 11th
 8. Greenshield & Lapeer pedestrian bridge: construction to start September 11th
 9. URL: https://www.orionparks.com/community/safe_routes_to_school.php

8. Director’s Report: Aaron Whatley

- a.** Green Up Project: Over 200 people showed up on 4/24/21 at over 22 locations. 16 Trees were planted, Arbor Day event took place at Camp Agawam.
- b.** Camping conditionally approved for Camp Agawam. There was septic approval for existing facilities. There are 10 permitted camping sites suitable for tents and pop-up trailers (RVs not permissible). 2 Lodges in the plan.
- c.** Wildwood: Revenue sharing is agreed too at 15% with Johnny Blacks securing the licensed for concessions. Additional physical improvements at Wildwood include new Truss lighting system for the stage.
- d.** Little League is very active. Still doing COVID testing (but may change soon)
- e.** Township Safety Maps is on line and virtual. See https://www.orionparks.com/news_detail_T8_R14.php
Trail maps include resources such as rest rooms and drinking fountains.

9. Organization Reports

- a.** Planning Commission – Landis (OHM)
 - i.** Meijers at the old K-Mark on Lapeer Road. There will be a pedestrian connection the Clarkson Connection trail.
 - ii.** FedEx is Expending it’s lot at the Giddings road facility. Path way to be installed in Liberty Park with the expansion.
- b.** Paint Creek/Polly Ann Trail
 - i.** National Trails Day, June 6th, 2021, 12pm – 3pm. There will be a Goose Chase

Scavenger hunt. There will also be awards given at Cookies and Cream @ 3pm.

- ii. The township is planning on grading/smoothing out the Paint Creek trail within the next month or so.
- iii. There will be engineering for a new restroom concept drawn for Rhodes rd. where a temporary port-a-potty currently is located.
- c. Slow Row: Next event will be River days (see township events for details)
- d. Upcoming Events. Fliers were handed out.

10. Committee Comments (None)

11. Next Meeting Thursday July 15, 2021, 6 PM at the Orion Center

12. Meeting Adjourned 7:37. Motion: Jerry Richards, **Supported:** Jay Berwick