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 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 Richards, Jerry Present  
Cotter, BC Absent Williams, Tim Absent  
Gorman, Kevin Present Dalrymple, Julia (Board Rep) Present  
Steele, Donni (Acting Chair) Present Birney, Brian (Alt. Board Rep) Absent  
Landis, Mark (OHM – Twp. Engr.) Present 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 (n/a)  
MOTION BY Aaron Whatley SECOND BY 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 ordnance 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
   b. 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 trails (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 been 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