



**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 27<sup>th</sup>
  4. Orion Oaks Middle School: Construction to start July 26<sup>th</sup>
  5. Weber Elementary: Construction to start July 26<sup>th</sup>
  6. Paint Creek Elementary: Construction to start August 11<sup>th</sup>
  7. Blanch Sims: Construction to start August 11<sup>th</sup>
  8. Greenshield & Lapeer pedestrian bridge: construction to start September 11<sup>th</sup>
  9. URL: [https://www.orionparks.com/community/safe\\_routes\\_to\\_school.php](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](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