



Charter Township of Orion
Parks and Path Advisory Committee
May-19-2022- 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** **6:05 PM**
 DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (minimum 4 members) Members Present: 11
MOTION BY Tom Fisher **SECOND BY** Kevin Gorman

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	Fisher, Tom	Present	Berwick, Jay	Present
	Miller, Jenn	Present	Richards, Jerry	Present
	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)	Absent
	Patrick Ross	Present		

GUESTS:

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES **MOTION BY:** Donni Steele **SECOND BY:** Jay Berwick

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA **START TIME** **6:05 PM**
MOTION BY Jerry Richards **SECOND BY** Julie Dalrymple

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

DISCUSSION: (none)

MOTION BY **SECOND BY**

6. New Business (6:07 pm)

- a. There was a discussion regarding tactile markers on crossings for the visually impaired (some have been missing or damaged). Patrick Ross discussed some of the repairs that Parks and Recreation Department has been aware of and has fixed or has in plans
- b. There was a discussion regarding Pocket Parks. There are two land tracks purchased for \$1 from the road commission after they considered them unneeded when the construction on Baldwin Rd was finished. There tracks are near where Gregory Rd intersects Baldwin Rd. While various options were discussed, the recommendation will be made to the Township for improvements, but not until there is any funding will anything be done. These parks will be put on a list of items “for public benefit.”

7. Pending Business (6:26 PM)

- a. Mark Landis discussed the status of **MDNR MNTRF grant program**, but essentially nothing will be known until the fall.
- b. **Mountain Bike Trail Update:** Patrick discussed that fact that the plan is to start developing the trail system in Friendship park this fall. There is a desire to do a walkthrough with the trail designer at some time over the next couple of months. Kevin Gorman will try to set that up.
- c. **Clarkston Road Update:** The “boardwalk” on the safety path at Clarkston Road by Buckhorn lake (across from the Speedway gas station at the intersection of Clarkston and Lapper Roads) will be closed for a rebuilding starting approximately the first week of June. There will not be a detour available, Clarkston Road will need to be used.
- d. **Safety Path Updates:** There were some updates given for safety paths including retaining walls on Clarkston road where tree roots have pushed the existing walls out of alignment. In those areas, trees will need to be removed. The big news is the development of the “peanut” or road improvements that will be done at the intersections of Orion Road, Stony Creek Rd, and Conklin Roads that will include a safety path through the intersection.

8. Directors’ Reports (6:40 PM)

- a. Mark Landis discussed several pending and upcoming programs.
 - i. Parking lot behind the Orion Center
 - ii. Construction at Jessie Decker Park (restrooms, parking lots etc.)
 - iii. Road commission is repairing culvert by Indian Wood Golf course
- b. Patrick Ross discussed several Parks and Rec projects:
 - i. Pavilion at Wildwood completed
 - ii. Orion Center Parking Lot has been completed to give access to the Polly Ann Trail
 - iii. Work is committed for Pickle Ball courts at Friendship park.
 - iv. Pavement is being done on Scrips road by the new Township Office
 - v. Equipment is being upgraded in the exercise room at the Orion Center.

9. Organization Reports

- a. **Planning:**
 - i. There will be a “Provisioning Center” that is being constructed behind Milosch car dealership. Pathway will be included.
 - ii. Currently there are no plans to redo Brown/Silverbell roads by the GM Plant (however, it is anticipated to be 2 years before refurbishment of the plant will need the roads).
 - iii. Woodlands project has been rejected
- b. **Paint Creek:**
 - i. Looking for volunteers for Trail day on Saturday June 4th.
 - ii. The bridge at 33.7 mile will be fixed
 - iii. New Trail Head off Orion Road is completed and is horse parking compatible.
- c. **Polly Ann:**
 - i. August 25th will be a “Birthday Party” for the trail. More details to follow.
 - ii. Addison Township will be helping with resurfacing some of the trail to start this year
 - iii. Pavement will be done by Rhodes and Clarkston Rd.
 - iv. Vault toilets are still planned but not currently approved for funding on the trail by Lake George Rd and Rhodes Rd.
- d. **Community Events:**
 - i. Multiple events discussed by Patric Ross, specifics will be published in the Parks and Recreational publications
- e. **Park Liaison:**
 - i. Still waiting for trail plans for Bald Mountain South from trail developer working on the proposal.

- ii. The Addison Oaks Connector trail was completed in the northern Bald Mountain unit to help keep riders off of Lake George road when riding between Bald Mountain and Addison Oaks.

f. Friends of Camp Agawam & Tommy's Lake

- i. There are plans to upgrade some electrical items and build hand rails at the campfire area.
- ii. The group is discussing the idea of building a stage.

10. Committee Comments

- a. Tom Fisher shared a rough draft of a presentation made in preparation to be given to an upcoming Township meeting. It is attached, and will be presented

11. Next Steps

Next Meeting July 21st (location TBD)

12. Adjournment

Call to end 7:40 pm, Motion: Donni Steele, Second: Jerry Richards

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