

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Township Offices

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Time: 7:02

2. Roll Call

Committee Member	Present	Absent w/Notice	Absent
Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer)	X		
Cook, Tony (Vice Chair)	X		
Cotter, B.C. (Alternate)	X		
Flood, Michael (Non-Voting)	X		
Katers, Jessica (OHM - Twp Engr)	X		
Lee, Gerry (Chair)	X		
Reynolds, Taylor	X		
Richards, Jerry	X		
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	X		
Stout, Jeff (Operations Director)	X		
Zielinski, Jenn (Secretary)	X		

2. Determination of a Quorum (min. 4)

Quorum met.

4. Approval of Minutes for May 2, 2017 Special Meeting (Appendix A)

- Motioned by: Lee, with Kater's updates
- Seconded by: Steele

5. Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2017 Meeting

- Motioned by: Steel
- Seconded by: Cooke

6. Approval of Agenda for June 13, 2017 Meeting

- Motioned by: Zielinski
- Seconded by: Steele

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - 3 Minute limit per person

none

8. New Business

Cooke requested to add the Board presentation in July as item M

Steele added from the Board meeting that there are 5 parcels under tax delinquency. The recommendation the Township Board made was that if the parcels go back into foreclosure that the parcels will go back to the Township. Parcels are on Indiandwood, on north side of Baldwin, west of Waldon Road & along Mill Lake where the Phragmites are. Steele will provide updates once the Township acquires them. Receive & file.

9. Pending Business

A. Health Expo / Library Displays - Cotter

- Health expo Cotter gave a brief history on the Health Expo. The event used to be held at the High School and was on a weekday evening. The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC) change the event to a Saturday afternoon this year. Everyone was hoping for a better turn out, but with the time of day and time of the year change this might be expected. Cotter felt that the numbers were in fact low and most folks in attendance were interested in “free” stuff. The mosquito hockey pucks were left over, the bug spray was gone by the end of the event and the bicycle bells were passed out to the little kids, no one bought a t-shirt and one person made a donation to the Safety Path Fund. Folks also picked up the Safety Path/Trail maps and brochures. Cotter felt that the expo worthwhile and would like to do it again. Cotter did indicate that she felt there was a lot of overlap in the vendor displays
- Cotter mentioned that the OACC small business expo will be October 18th. Cotter offered to work the booth and Brinkman offered to help.
- Cotter indicated that she submitted a written request for a Safety Path display at the library for 1 of 3 weeks in July a (Thursday – Wednesday) July 13th 20th or 27th. Cotter volunteered to set up the display on behalf of the Safety Path. This year the library is extending the time for the displays through September. Cotter would consider doing display in September too if no one else claims a week & will follow up with Joyce at the library. Reynolds added that the trails are most used in September and with millage coming up will this would be great exposure.
- Cotter followed up on a suggestion for the Safety Path to create a map/brochure to provide to residents/& visitors., indicating that this could help to promote the

millage proposal. Stout added that key items could be included in the map/brochure such as ongoing projects, maintenance costs, improvements, etc...

B. Financial Update – Brinkmann

- Clarkston Phase 1 will be reimbursed \$300,000.00 in grant money and Phase 2 will receive a \$300,000.00 grant reimbursement.
- Katers indicated that the reimbursement for the Stratford bridge insurance claim/check is pending.
- Katers also indicated that the Silberbell easements will be reimbursed via an insurance claim.

C. M-24 Overlay Improvements (Harman to Golden Gate) - Stout / Katers

- Reynolds indicated that the guy wires have not been relocated and that the barricades are still up on the Northbound side.
- Katers indicated that there were no real updates yet.
- Stout advised that the contractor is continuing to work on the easement on the NE side of M-24 to Stadium Drive.
- Stout also advised that the Baptist church that owns property along Stadium Drive has agreed to the easement acquisition and the Safety Path will be built to completion from M-24 to Stadium Drive Elementary.
- Stout also indicated that the subdivision entrance of Round Tree to High School will be paved.

D. Silverbell Road Pathway – Stout/Katers

- Katers indicated Pulte is still trying to begin work this month and it will depend on contractor availability. Once the Safety Path is installed, OHM will be inspecting the path.

E. Clarkston Road - N. Side Thistle Valley to Pine Tree (watermain, grant construction)-Katers

- Katers advised that they have been promised by the contractor that the work will start Thursday at 10 am. In all the process should take about 2 weeks for the piles and an additional 6 weeks for boardwalks.

F. Clarkston Road – N. Side Polly Ann Trail to Thistle Valley (grant, bidding) - Katers

- Katers informed the committee that the bill has not been voted on for the trust fund grant and that it is still with the State. However, she does not feel as though this is a problem, that it's just later than usual. She is still hopeful that the project can be completed this fall.

G. Indianwood Ph III – N. Side Paint Creek to Jackson Oaks

- Inactive Placeholder

- Katers added that this is part of the SRTS application
- H. Indianwood Ph IV – S. Side Joslyn to Fernhurst
- Inactive Placeholder
- I. Joslyn Road Path N of Heights Road (grant) - Katers
- Katers advised she meet & Stout with Mary Karlock from the DNR (grant coordinator) last Wednesday. Mary felt that we could do some additional work other than what was asked for on the grant - she wants a cap on the entire pathway instead of just patches, possibly ~300K instead of ~200K.
 - The grant is to fix the area to the wetland area and to do path work maintenance on some of the trip hazards. Mary indicated we should do a bit more to make the path look nicer.
- J. Pathway Maintenance – Stout
- Stout is planning to work on the bridges starting with the areas in need of improvement and working with available staff, but a labor shortage is making it & getting estimates is difficult. Katers suggested to call Brian Jones for assistance. Birmingham Seal Coat will be respraying lines along various paths, but even they are backed up and likely can't get to it until the fall.
- K. Millage Renewal / Planning Workshop follow-up/Master Plan
- Lee would like to see the Safety Path Master Plan completed the end of 2017 and to include the 5-year construction plan spreadsheet.
 - Brinkmann will maintain spreadsheet(s) and at the next meeting the committee will do another quick review.
 - Once Brinkmann updates the spreadsheet Katers will add "done or completed" items to the spreadsheet to show what work has been completed.
- L. Safe Routes to Schools
- Katers advised that OHM sent out resident letters to everyone who would be affected by the routes, +/- responses. The residents along Hauxwell in downtown Lake Orion will not agree to the easements for a Safety Path to Blanche Sims Elementary. Currently there are no sidewalks.
 - The application will be submitted the beginning of next week and SEMCOG will likely not review the application until September.
- M. Presentation to the Board on July 31st
- The Safety Path Committee bylaws require a presentation to the Township Board annually.
 - A suggestion was made to have ONTV record the presentation to use for the upcoming millage renewal.

- The presentation will include a brief explanation of what the Safety Path committee has accomplished and what we future plans will include
- Cooke asked for the committee to provide pictures for his presentation.
- Lee indicated that the 2014 community survey responses placed the Safety Paths at priority 1 and the trails as a priority 2.

10. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission - Katers/Stout

- Stout indicated that the Baldwin Road bids are due and will be reviewed.
- The Brown Road bids were due today and will be reviewed.
- A public meeting for Baldwin road project was held and was very well attended.

B. Paint Creek / Polly Ann – Steele

- Steele indicated that there is a possibility of obtaining funds to pave Rhodes Road and to includes water fountains and picnic tables.
- The vandalism to the bridge by the library is in the process of being repaired.
- There is also a possibility of The Complete Works company donating some funds towards the Polly Ann Trail.
- Stout advised he is now the newest member of the Paint Creek Council.

11. Committee Comment

- Zielinski thanked Katers for her review and updates to the meeting minutes.
- The Orion commons subdivision retail sections at Scripps & M-24 will hold joint meeting on the 21st.
- Cotters thanked Jeff for the condition of the soccer fields during the tournaments, especially with all the rain lately. Stout appreciated the remark, but said respectfully, proper engineering made it possible.
- Stout advised the clean-up of Rudd Mill is underway and painting will begin in the fall due to the migration of the Rainbow Trout. He has been working with the DNR and all entities involved have given the “green light” to remove all broken pieces.
- Richards brought up some communities in Kent County where biking is a large part of the community. There are paved bike lanes along the shoulder of road. He questioned for areas in Orion Township where a Safety Path is a huge challenge, e.g. Indianwood Road, could a bike lane be installed on the shoulder of the road. Katers indicated that the Oakland County Road Commission doesn’t usually approve bike lanes; it would be required that a lane be installed of both sides of the road. However, Katers did advised that the Michigan Department of Transportation is easier to work with on this issue.
- Reynolds thanked Brinkmann, Lee & Zielinski for stepping up to handle the spreadsheet, agendas and meeting minutes.

12. Adjournment

- Time: 8:56
 - Motioned by: Steele
 - Seconded by: Brinkmann

Next Meeting: August 8, 2017 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Offices

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