

Charter Township of Orion

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Orion Safety Path Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Township Offices

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Brinkmann, Michael (Treasurer)	present
Cook, Tony, (Vice Chair)	present
Cotter, B.C. (Alternate)	absent with notice
Flood, Michael (Non-Voting)	absent with notice
Katers, Jessica (OHM - Twp Engr)	absent with notice
Lee, Gerry (Chair)	present
Reynolds, Taylor	present
Richards, Jerry	absent with notice
Richards, Pamela (Secretary)	Resigned
Steele, Donni (Board Representative)	present
Stout, Jeff (Operations Director)	present

3. Determination of a Quorum (min 4)

Determined

4. Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2016, Meeting

Updates to make:

- 7b 2017 Planning Commission
- 7c Baldwin Road Update
- Motion to approve amended agenda made by Michael Brinkmann and seconded by Taylor Reynolds: passed

5. Approval of Agenda for March 14, 2017, Meeting

Motion to approve by Michael Brinkmann and seconded by Taylor Reynolds: passed

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – 3 minute limit per person

No comments

7. New Business

- A. Pamela Richards unfortunately resigned from the committee. Her service was appreciated. On February 13, 2017 the OTB voted and approved Jen Zelinski to complete the balance of Pamela's term on the SPC. Jen's first meeting will be March 14,

2017

- B. Donni Steele presented discussion and an email related to requesting that the Orion Planning Commission take steps to ensure that the Township/SPC is reimbursed for improvements completed prior to a projects approval. Some concerns were presented as to whether CIA funds could be reimbursed.
Motion was made by Steele and seconded by Brinkmann to engage the Township attorney concerning Ordinance 97 and Gingellville Overlay reimbursement options.
- C. Gerald Lee - Baldwin Road to Brown use of CIA funds. – Committee received clarification that the funds would/could be used for lighting, irrigation and plantings. CIA Funds total \$8 million dollars (\$5 million for RCOC road improvements and \$3 million from landscape improvements)

8. Pending Business

A. Financial Update – Brinkmann

See [Appendix A](#)

No changes or updates from January meeting – (January report duplicated below)

Michael Brinkman presented the attached financials and provided updates:

- A \$25K grant was received
- Current liabilities and fund obligations from Unrestricted Funds total \$1,626,976.04
- Pending Warrant Funding of \$500K (for next year)
- Safety Path Millage expires 12/17

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

Reynolds presented a point of concern about the intersection of Hiram and 24. The stop sign is location after the safety path (west) of the safety path crossing. Although road construction is complete inspection will be done first thing once the weather improves. This concern will be added to the punch list.

Restoration and improvements work will be done by Dan's Construction in the spring.

The bridge at Barrington and Stratford will be replaced with a path on grade in coordination with Clarkston road construction.

Committee discussed the Gingellville Overlay and reimbursement of improvement cost by developers as related to Ordinance 97. The following motion was made by Steele and seconded by Taylor to present to OTB the following recommendation; **After a discussion of information contained in both Ordinance #78 & #97, the Safety Path Committee is recommending that the SPAC send forth a memo to the OTB suggesting that the SP ordinance #97 be amended to include language that assures payment from the developer to the Township for path that may already be part of their proposed development. Motion passed.**

C. Silverbell Road Pathway – Stout/Katers

All easements have been secured including Kelly Services. Pulte crews will be completing the work.

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

Tree clearing has begun and lots of phone calls are being received and the 12' water has been delivered.

E. Clarkston Road – N. Side Polly Ann Trail to Thistle Valley (grant) – Katers

Orion Township, was recommended to the legislature for award of the grant. If selected OHM will work on the project agreement by the beginning of June and go forward with plan submittal to MDNR.

Grant money can be used on the design for this portion of pathway and OHM recommends that we authorize them to start this work.

F. Indianwood Ph III – N. Side Paint Creek to Jackson Oaks – Inactive Placeholder

G. Indianwood Ph IV – S. Side Joslyn to Fernhurst – Inactive Placeholder

H. Joslyn Road Path N of Heights Road (grant) – Katers

No update provided

I. Pathway Maintenance – Stout

No changes or updates to report

J. Millage Renewal (Expires 12/17)

The committee agreed to discuss at March meeting more in depth when Michael Flood is present since he is knowledgeable in this area. – See [Appendix B](#) – emailed by Flood after the meeting.

K. Safe Routes to Schools – Katers

OHM is scheduled to present Safe Routes to School grant at the School Board meeting on March 8, 2017. If approved by the School Board, the first paths will be installed at Flint Ridge and Grafton. ITC is on broad however a licensing fee will need to be paid.

- Eight participating campuses
- \$200,000 of grant money available and planned for each campus (Total \$1.8 million)

9. Organization Reports

A. Planning Commission (OHM)

B. No update provided

B. Paint Creek (Kern Rd spur) / Polly Ann (sign) – Steele

The Paint Creek trail committee has offered a reward for vandalism on the trail. Also the land swap with the State of Michigan was completed. 76 acres was exchanged for 14 acres.

10. Committee Comment

None provided.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Brinkmann and seconded by Lee motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2017 @ 7:00 pm @ Township Offices

In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Township at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting if requesting accommodations.

Appendix A

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SAFETY PATH FUND STATUS – 01/10/17
Revenue vs Expenditures
(Preliminary 2017 YTD)

Millage Revenue	\$ 339,121.29
Host Fee Contribution	1,072,000.00
Cont. From Developers (Baldwin Holding, Dutton, Corp)	68,000.00
State Grant	25,000.00
ROW Permits	18,350.77
Sale of Fixed Asset	14,664.57
Interest	1,435.97
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 1,538,572.60</u>

Unrestricted Fund Expenditures:

Construction Projects Y	
Clarkston Pbl Final Design	\$ 89,980.00
Clarkston Pbl MDNR Trust Fund	4,992.50
Clarkston Pbl	4,611.00
Silverbell Easements	<u>9,590.00</u>
Grand Total Construction Projects	\$ 109,173.50
Eng. Fees – not Capitalized	11,127.50
Safety Path Mowing	6,911.64
Administrative Service Charge	27,206.25
Non-supv. Salaries	14,575.00
Soc. Sec	1,115.04
Tax Tribunal	61.20
Dues & Misc.	583.30
Grounds Maintenance	(333.48)
Safety Path Repairs	1,200.01

Total Unrestricted Fund Expenditures \$ 171,619.97

Remaining Unrestricted Fund Balance 1,366,952.63

SUMMARY

Prior Unrestricted Funds	\$ 818,807.12
Change in Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,366,952.63
Contribution to Restricted Fund/Ordinance	<u>(16,956.06)</u>
Current Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$2,168,803.69

Prior Restricted Funds	131,598.98
Contribution to Restricted Fund/Ordinance	<u>16,956.06</u>
Current Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 148,555.04

Total Safety Path Fund Balance \$2,317,358.73

**SAFETY PATH "CHECKBOOK"
(AS OF 01/10/17)**

Unrestricted Funds	\$2,168,803.69
Less Unpaid Projects Pending:	
Clarkston Pb (Includes \$1.6M estimate for construction)	(1,611,808.54)
Silverbell Easements	(15,160.00)
MDNR Clarkston Pb, B	<u>(7.50)</u>
 Unrestricted Funds Available	 \$541,827.65
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Restricted Funds	\$ 148,555.04
Less Unpaid Maintenance Pending	<u>0.00</u>
 Restricted Funds Available	 \$148,555.04

From: Mike Flood, 2nd email from Mike sent 1/11/17

RE: Fact Finding Data for Safety Path Millage that expires Dec.31, 2017

Questions:

1. Do the Village of Lake Orion residents (who reside solely within the corporated boundaries of the Village - Voting Prescient #2) assessed the Safety Path Millage on their tax bills?
2. This question and #3 question shall also be addressed by our township attorney. Proposed Safety Path Millage Renewal legal ballot language contain verbiage that the LO Village DDA (Downtown Development Authority) shall also receive a portion of millage?
3. As well, the newly created Brown/Baldwin Roads CIA (Corridor Improvement Authority) receiving a portion of said millage

FIRST Email regarding Millage in October 2016

RE: Follow up to discussion of 2008 - 2017 millage:

Dec. 2008 approved 10 year millage ballot proposal. Levy 0.2382/mill = appx. \$440,093

BOT Resolution Establishing 2016 Millage Rates (collection starting Dec.1, 2016 for 2017 budget year).

Levy 0.2346 = appx. \$346,977 (2017) = **(\$93,116) than collected in Dec. 2008. (21%)**

Actual Budget Millage Collected

2009-2011 Barb would have data:

2012 = \$315,184 = **(\$124,909) (-28%)**

2013 = \$308,944 = **(\$131,149) (-30%)**

2014 = \$315,026 = **(\$125,067) (-28%)**

2015 = \$325,120 = **(\$114,973) (-26%)**

2016 = \$339,885 = **(\$100,208) (-23%)**

Proposed/Forecast Budget Millage Collected (0.2346/mill)

2017 = \$346,977 = **(\$93,116) (-21%)**

2018 = \$356,824 = (\$83,269) (-19%)

2019 = \$371,280 = (\$68,813) (-16%)

2020 = \$386,315 = (\$53,778) (-12%)

TOTAL (\$895,282)

NOTE: *Oakland County has forecast that CVT's (cities, villages, townships) will not be back to their respective property taxable value base (2008) until sometime in the 2020's. Barring another economic meltdown.*

Hope this info was of assistance,

Mike

Mike Flood, Jr., Trustee

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