

Charter Township of Oakland Safety Paths & Trails Committee

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April 3, 2019 Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The April 3, 2019 regular meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Safety Paths and Trails Committee was called to order by Chairperson Dwyer at 6:02 pm at Oakland Township Hall 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, MI.

Members Present:

Libby Dwyer, Chairperson
Ron Hein, Committee Member
Karen Reilly, Board of Trustees Representative
Andrew Zale, Committee Member
Craig Blust, PRC Representative
Laurel Johnson, Committee Member

Members Absent:

Joe Peruzzi, PC Representative

Also Present:

Jeff Smith, PEA
Courtney Wahnfried, SPTC Recording Secretary

A quorum was present

II. Approval/Amendments to the Agenda

Dwyer suggested replacing item #9 with Nomination of Committee Members with Expiring Terms.

MOTION by Zale, seconded by Hein to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION passed unanimously.

III. Approval/Amendments to the February 20, 2019 Minutes

MOTION by Zale, seconded by Hein to approve the February 20, 2019 minutes as presented.

MOTION passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public participants.

V. Adams/Silverbell Area Path and Crosswalks Bid Review

Jeff Smith, PEA, reported LJ Construction solicited several contractors for each of the items pertaining to the project. The response was lower than expected with some trades only receiving one bid. Smith recommends directing LJ Construction to request additional bids and lengthen the timeframe for the response since the project will not begin until late summer or early fall of 2019.

Dwyer suggested contacting the contractor of the new developments surrounding the intersection to obtain bids for paving. She stated their prices could possibly come in lower as they will be performing similar work in the area already.

Blust is in favor of putting together a bid packet if LJ Construction is unable to obtain more bids for the project. Smith stated the committee can do that but he does not think it would be beneficial.

VI. Silverbell/Gallagher/PCT Path Update

Jeff Smith, PEA, gave a report on a recent meeting held with the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC). He said the RCOC is in favor of the proposed plans for the pathway stating the project will aid in drainage and improve the current condition of the road. Smith said that following a meeting with two landowners to secure easements, phase one of the request for action (RFA) will be complete. He stated that PEA will need authorization to proceed to phase two of the RFA.

MOTION by Dwyer, seconded by Zale to approve the release of \$34,500 for phase two of the approved request for action to the Board of Trustees for the Gallagher/Silverbell/Paint Creek Trail Path, dated February 10, 2019, to PEA contingent upon a positive reaction from the one property owner in question.

MOTION passed unanimously.

VII. Township-Held Path Maintenance

Blust gave a report on the condition of the warped cap rail on the Eagle Creek boardwalk. He stated he is in the process of securing the cap rail with deck screws and L J Construction will not need to secure with carriage bolts as previously discussed.

Dwyer reported the Gallagher Creek Path, Eagle Creek Boardwalk and the path at Brewster and Silverbell Roads will be included in the landscaping schedule with Parks and Recreation. The bid was awarded to Hi-Hill Landscaping and they will perform mowing and brush cutting in the locations mentioned above for a charge of \$520 per year.

Jeff Smith, PEA stated he would create an annual inspection report for all township owned paths. He suggested inspections be performed on an annual basis. He will report back to the committee with a timeline and pricing for the inspections.

VIII. Administrative Assistance for SPTC

Jeanne Langlois, BOT Alternate, reported that support for the SPTC will always fall under the township manager. The committee can report all needs, wants and concerns to the recording secretary and she will report to the township manager.

IX. Nomination of Committee Members with Expiring Terms

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MOTION by Zale, seconded by Dwyer to recommend to the Oakland Township Board of Trustees the reappointment of members with terms expiring on May 1, 2019, Ron Hein and Laurel Johnson.

MOTION passed unanimously.

X. Approval of 2019 SPTC Meeting Dates

MOTION by Blust, seconded by Dwyer to approve the 2019 SPTC meeting dates as presented.

MOTION passed unanimously.

XI. SPTC Member Reports

Hein – reported the contractor for Moceris is planning to fix the 20% grade issue on the path leading to the crosswalk at Adams and Dutton Roads.

Blust – stated Oakland Township is not the only community with coyotes, he spotted one while leaving his workplace in Troy.

Johnson – is excited about the new proposed path at Silverbell and Gallagher Roads.

XII. Adjournment

MOTION by Zale, seconded by Hein to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Courtney Wahnefried
Recording Secretary

Karen Reilly
Board of Trustees Representative

Next Safety Paths and Trails Committee Meeting:
6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Oakland Township Hall, Collins Rd., Rochester, MI 48306