

Oakland Township Sentinel

Newsletter

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Board of Trustees (BOT)

March 8, 2022 Meetings (2) Summaries

We'll wait until draft minutes come out to comment.

Historic District Commission

Next meeting March 16. This link takes you to agenda, meeting packet and minutes from last 2/16 meeting.

<https://ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/649889124.pdf>

Older Person's Commission

<https://opcseniorcenter.org/>

If you are 50+ you qualify for membership (\$6.00 forever membership)

Newsletter (monthly) page link: (hard copy sent to you for \$12 annual fee or buy one for \$1 at lobby)

<https://opcseniorcenter.org/get-connected/newsletter>

March 2022 Activities Calendar link:

<https://opcseniorcenter.org/docman/activity-calendars/1560-mar-2022-activity-calendar/file>

Fitness and Aquatics hours and schedules

<https://opcseniorcenter.org/activities/fitness-and-aquatics>

Opioid Settlement – Oakland Township May Receive \$49,000

A front page article in March 8th Oakland Press titled *“Opioid settlement checks start in April”* says that Oakland County will receive \$24,000,000 from Johnson and Johnson and others. The county will keep \$19,000,000 and dole out about \$5,000,000 of that to 30 local communities *“based on a formula involving the amount of opioids shipped to a community and prescribed to people, the number of resulting deaths from use disorders; and the number of people identified as having a use disorder”*. For example, Pontiac (population 62,000) will receive about \$1,000,000; Bloomfield Charter Township (population 44,000) - \$428,000; Oakland Township (population 20,000) - \$49,000.

The article also quotes local law enforcement officers’ strong support for various treatment programs such as *“Ride to Recovery”* or *“Help, not Handcuffs”*. Village of Holly Police Chief Jerry Nash is quoted as saying *“You can’t arrest your way out of the opioid epidemic”*.

State Attorney General Dana Nessel provides her own problematic experience with hydrocodone, prescribed for 90 days, every four hours, after severe pain from a C-section.

Parks and Recreation Commission

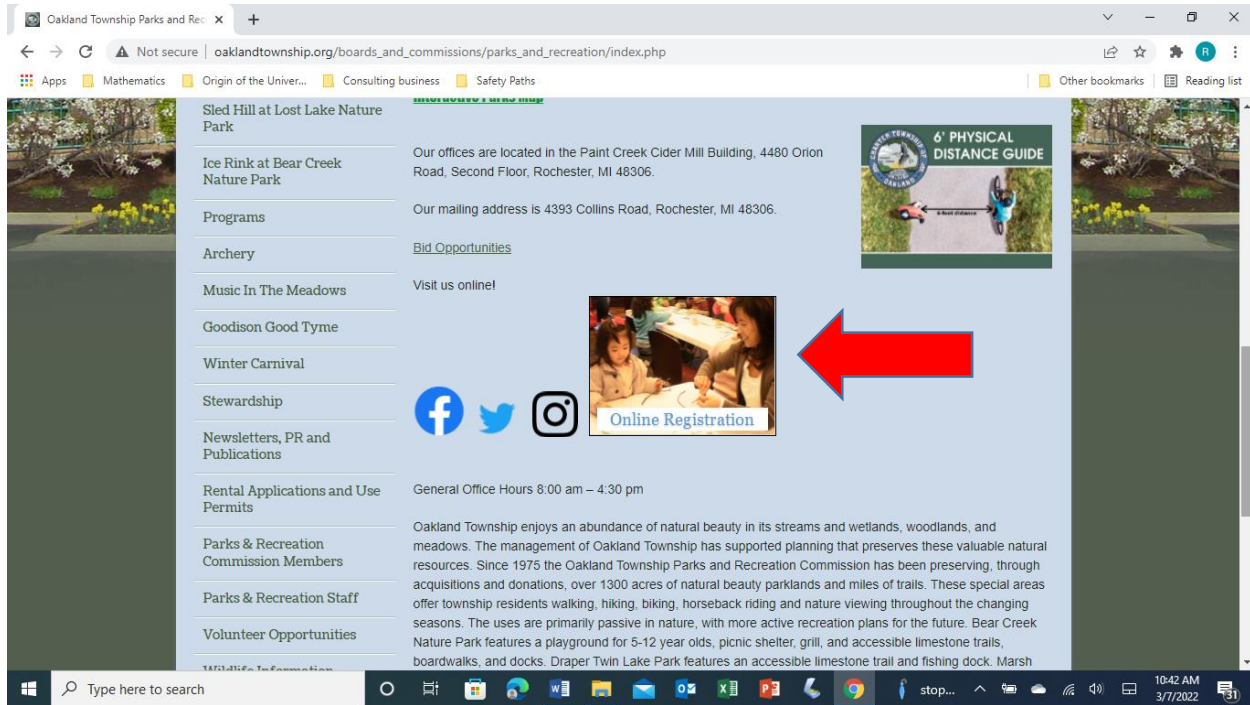
March 9, 2022 Meeting Summary:

This 2-1/2 hour meeting had numerous agenda items. The packet for this meeting was in two parts for a total of 739 pages. I will report after I read the draft minutes and then watch the meeting video.

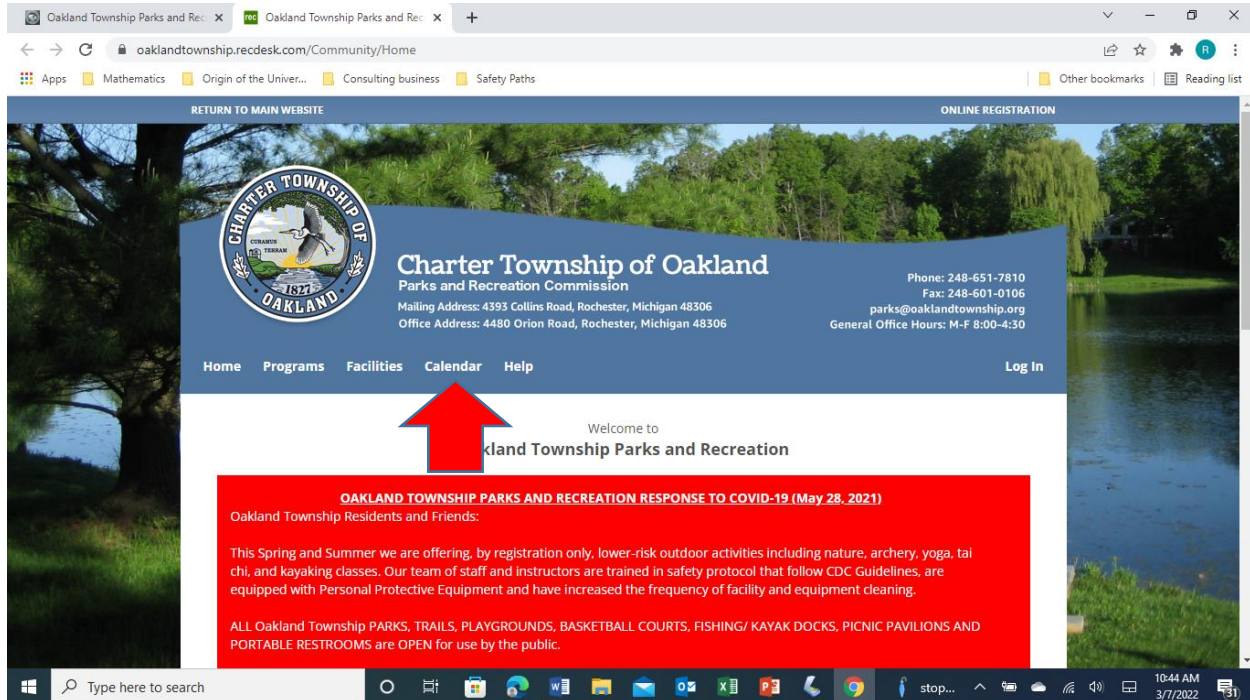
Parks has a very complete program calendar on the township website

A very complete calendar of programs offered by Parks and Recreation Department is available by taking this path:

- 1) Township website: <http://www.oaklandtownship.org/>
- 2) “Township Departments” (top of home page)
- 3) “Parks and Recreation” (from drop down menu)
- 4) “Online Registration” (scroll down to photo-box in middle of page)



5) "Calendar" at top of page



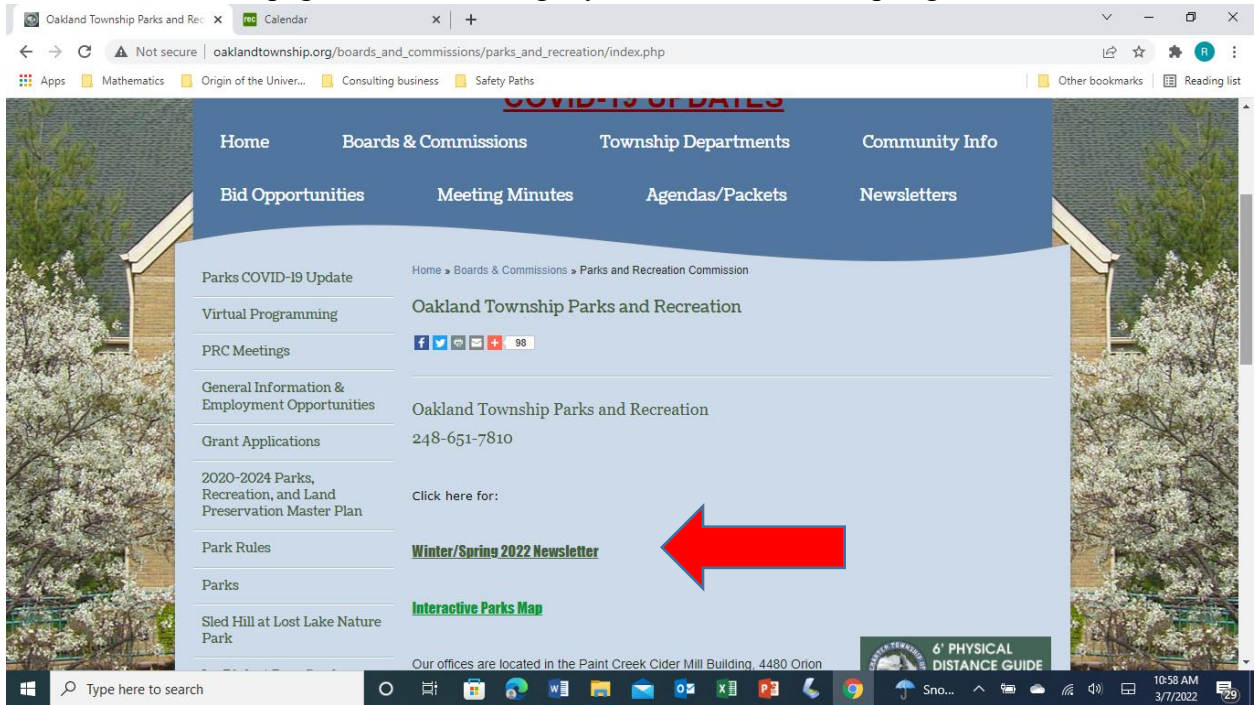
6) Scroll down to see next week's activities

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30a - 10:30a All Levels Yoga IN PERSON 2/6/22-3/13/22 9:30-10 (Paint Creek Cider Mill)	4p - 4:50p Team Archery-Middle/ High School Tue 4:00-4:50pm (Marsh View Park Archery Range)	8:30a - 10:30a Weekly Bird Walks 3/16 8:30am (Charles Ilsley Park)			2p - 3p CANCELLED Yoga Walk in the Park 2/26-4/2 2-3pm (Bear Creek Nature Park)	
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7) To sign up for something go back to “Programs”, scroll down and find what you want.

The screenshot shows the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation website. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Programs, Facilities, Calendar, and Help. A red arrow points to the 'Programs' link. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'All Facilities' with a dropdown menu. The main content area displays a calendar for March 2022, with a 'Today' button and tabs for Month, Week, and Day views. The website header includes the Charter Township of Oakland logo and contact information.

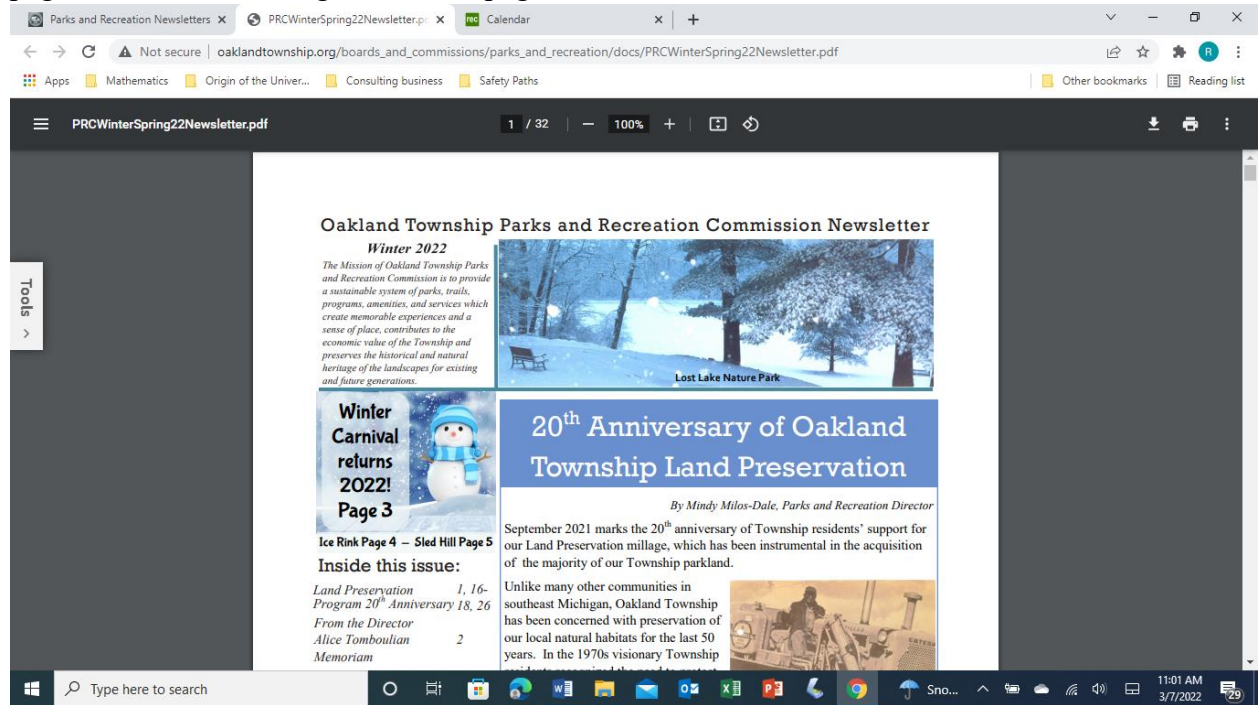
- 8) For very complete descriptions of programs see the latest newsletter. Go back to “Parks and Recreation” page; scroll down slightly and select “Winter/Spring 2022 Newsletter”



- 9) Then scroll down slightly and select “Winter/Spring 2022.”



You will arrive at the latest 32 page newsletter. There is a table of contents on the front page, left column. "Programs" is on pages 6-11.



Parks land Purchase / Funding Source History

At the request of Trustee Dave Mabry, Parks and Recreation Director Mindy Milos-Dale provided a detailed table of funding of 1541 acres of Parks land acquisitions since 1974. We summarize the bottom line here; the full table is below. Note that after a long dry spell, Parks started being awarded significant MNRTF grants starting in 2001. Perhaps the Board should determine what caused that for future reference.

Parkland Acquisition - Funding Sources		
		%
Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF)	\$ 9,632,816	40%
Land Preservation Millage	\$ 9,568,990	39%
Parks and Recreation Millage	\$ 2,647,299	11%
Landowner Donation	\$ 2,479,950	10%
Total	\$ 24,329,055	100%

Sources of Funding for Acquisition of Oakland Township Park Land Using Valuation at Time of Acquisition (3-1-2022)

Oakland Township Parks	Address	Year Acquired	Approx. Acreage	Parks and Recreation Millage	Land Preservation Millage	MNRTF Grant	Landowner Donation	Total Value	Conservation Easement Acres
Bear Creek Nature Park	740 West Snell	1977	107	\$305,000					47
Blue Heron Environmental Area	3320 North Rochester Rd.	1990	78	\$765,000					135
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Charles Isley Park	1479 East Predmore Rd.	1990	83				\$452,223		
Charles Isley Park	East Predmore	2005	37				\$201,593		
Cranberry Lake Park	388 West Predmore	1996	149	\$424,761					52
Cranberry Lake Park	388 West Predmore	1996	42		\$119,805				
Cranberry Lake Park	388 West Predmore	2003	21		\$225,000				
Draper Twin Lake Park	1015 Inwood	2005	54		\$1,475,000				
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Gallagher Creek Park	2780 Silverbell	2000	15				\$58,900		
Lost Lake Nature Park	846 Lost Lake Trail	2004	0.65				\$51,020		
Lost Lake Nature Park	846 Lost Lake Trail	2004	20			\$1,556,100			
Lost Lake Nature Park	846 Lost Lake Trail	2004	32		\$1,633,870				
Lost Lake Nature Park	846 Lost Lake Trail	2008	6		\$370,000				
Lost Lake Nature Park	1401 Lake George Road	2022	56		\$1,014,891				
Lost Lake Nature Park	1401 Lake George Road	2022	169			\$3,019,109			
Lost Lake Nature Park*	1401 Lake George Road	2022	10	\$166,000					
Marsh View Park	3100 East Clarkston Rd.	2001	67			\$1,962,116			
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Marsh View Park - Western Addition	3400 E. Clarkston Rd.	2012	5	\$110,000					
Mill Race Trail	4400 Orion Road	1974	3				\$1,600		
O'Connor Nature Park	89 Mead Road	2008	10				\$100,000		
Paint Creek Heritage Area - Fen	Paint Creek Trail	2008	0.5		\$2,854				
Paint Creek Heritage Area - Wet Prairie	1150 Silverbell	2003	10		\$190,000				
Paint Creek Junction Park	2210 Orion Rd.	2003	6	\$325,000					
Paint Creek Trail Parcel		2016	3	\$80,630					
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park	1280 Knob Creek Drive	2008	20		\$445,500				36
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Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park	1201 Snell Road	2019	56		\$801,070				47
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park	1201 Snell Road	2019	152			\$2,190,991			
Watershed Ridge Park	1720 West Buell	2008	156		\$3,036,000				
Watershed Ridge Park	1720 West Buell	2008	14				\$264,000		
Total			1,541	\$2,647,299 11%	\$9,568,990 39%	\$9,632,816 40%	\$2,479,950 10%	\$24,329,055	317

Sheriff's Office, Oakland Township Substation

Apparently our Board does not agree with Lieutenant Dooley's request (our previous report below) at the 2/24 Budget Workshop to add manpower. Hopefully the public will see an open and comprehensive discussion of this issue by the Board in the near future so we can see if we agree with them. Of course in a perfect budgeting world, Lieutenant Dooley would first convince Manager Adam Kline, who would then convince the Board with a professional presentation of his reasoning.

Lieutenant Stephen Dooley, Oakland Township Substation Commander, Oakland County Sheriff Department, Fund 208 - Police

Lieutenant Dooley is requesting the addition of two deputies to aid in today's more complex investigations (you have to check all the door cameras and social media for evidence for example) and to better control overweight trucks.

He made some startling comments about the trucking industry putting overweight trucks on the road intentionally as the few fines they get are just seen as a cost of doing business. He estimates that only 1 in 30 overweight trucks is stopped and ticketed. He said truckers will ask to be ticketed in an attempt to get their companies to quit forcing them to drive overweight trucks. Besides being accident hazards he sees overweight trucks as damaging our roads. Apparently a

deputy with special knowledge of truck law is needed. I recommend focus on Gunn Road east of Rochester Rd.

He presented data on similar townships and their current police manpower. We at the Sentinel prepared a table from his verbal remarks and added some data and calculations.

Provided by Lieutenant Dooley			Provided by Sentinel						
Township	Deputies	Call per year	Calls per deputy	Population 2020 Census	Area Square Miles	Residents per Call	Residents per Deputy	Calls per 100 Residents	Square Miles Per Deputy
Oakland	15	14,312	954	20,067	36.8	21.0	1,338	71	2.5
Highland	19	16,000	842	19,172	36.2	22.8	1,009	83	1.9
Lyon	22	12,323	560	23,271	32.0	41.5	1,058	53	1.5
Oxford	21	15,791	752	18,927	35.2	25.2	901	83	1.7

Prior to adding 2 more people, which the Board has not decided, the total expenses for 9 month of 2022 was predicted as \$1,934,600

Taxes

Informed sources told me that lawyers take large Tax Tribunal cases like the Mocerri / Blossom cases for a % of their "winnings" if they get the client's taxes lowered.

Township Manager' Report

One of Township Manager, Adam Kline's duties under our "Code of the Charter Township of Oakland", Section 45-3 is *"To submit regular reports to the Township Board of Trustees."* The March 4th report, below, is found at page 145-6 of the Board meeting packet. Note that much is an explanation of agenda items for March 8th BOT meeting.

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Adam Kline, Township Manager
Date: March 4, 2022
Re: Manager's Report



The following items are scheduled for the March 8 meeting agenda:

Stoney Creek Crossing Preliminary Site Condominium One Year Extension: This is a request from Lombardo Homes for a one year extension. The request has been reviewed by township consultants.

2022 Budget Public Hearing: This public hearing was published in the Oakland Press and several public budget workshops have been held.

Purchase of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at School Crosswalks: Tracy Gruber will be at the meeting if there are questions. No budget amendments are necessary- the Accounting and Finance Administrator has indicated the township could include this in the 2022 budget if approved.

Sorelle Estates - Preliminary Site Condominium Site Plan Approval: Planner Doug Lewan will be available at the meeting to present this item.

Consumers Energy Site Plan Approval: Doug Lewan will also be available at the meeting to present this item.

Oakland Township Drinking Water Storage Tank Improvements: Oakland County WRC is looking for direction on financing.

2022 Dust Control Program: RCOC is looking for a commitment that the township intends to participate in the dust control program for 2022.

2022 TriParty Funds: There may be an opportunity to use these funds for limestone. Backup is provided in the board packet.

Other Township Business:

Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule: This will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting. Please let me or Jamie know if you have feedback beforehand. In the past, the board has decided to hold one meeting in November/December due to holiday schedules.

Assessing: Management met with the assessor for a 2022 overview. The report is attached for board review. No action is necessary and there was no unexpected news.

Planning Commission (PC): An ordinance text amendment will be on the March 22 agenda.

Board of Review: The Board of Review attended training recently and March Board of Review meetings are scheduled for March 8, 10, 14, 16 and 17. As of today, appointments are light.

Treasury: Settlement is underway.

Maintenance: Minor generator improvements are needed and taking place at township hall.

Upcoming Items:

Next Regular BOT Meeting: March 22

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Next meeting, Tuesday March 15, 2022, 7 PM, Township Hall Board Room, 4393 Collins Rd.

Agenda and meeting packet: nothing on agenda but election of officers

<https://ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/649505351.pdf>

Webpage: [board of trustees/index.php](#)

Most Recent Minutes: Feb. 22, 2022 [647146016.pdf](#).