

REGULAR MEETING of the PAINT CREEK TRAILWAYS COMMISSION

Held at the Rochester Municipal Building, 400 Sixth Street
Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER: The Tuesday November 18, 2008 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Becker at 7:03 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Dave Becker, Marc Edwards, Paul Miller, Ravi Yalamanchi, Alice Young

Voting Alternates Present: Linda Gamage, Edward Peters

Non-Voting Alternates Present: Michael Webber

Non-Voting Members Present: Lois Golden (*enter 8:10 p.m.*)

Voting Members Absent: Rock Blanchard, Richard Schultz, Maryann Whitman

Alternates Absent: John Garlicki, Jeff Matis, Martha Olijnyk, Ron Stewart, Kathy Thomas

Others Present: John Makris, Attorney (*enter 7:15 p.m.*), Kristen Myers, Trail Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add “brick paver problem at Atwater” as Item 7A.

MOTION by Yalamanchi, supported by Miller, ***Moved***, to approve the November 18, 2008 agenda as amended.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of October 21, 2008, approval
- b. October Treasurer’s Report, receive and file

Please correct the one instance that Mr. Schultz’s name is misspelled in the minutes.

MOTION by Miller, supported by Young, ***Moved***, to correct the misspelling and approve the consent agenda as amended.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES: Ms. Myers presented the invoices in the amount of \$370.89.

MOTION by Young, supported by Gamage, ***Moved***, that the invoices presented for payment are approved in the amount of \$370.89 and orders be drawn for payment.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TRAIL MAP & BROCHURE – 2nd Draft Review: Color copies of the draft brochure were handed out tonight and there are a few larger sized drafts for Commissioner review on display. The Commission needs to decide between the tan and teal/green color accents on the directional map, identify any typo’s and review the Points of Interest panel. The “yield to” was added to the arrows relative to trail courtesy. Also, add the word “first” rails-to-trails project in Michigan on the map. After discussion and a straw vote, the consensus is to use the teal/green color accents on the directional maps. It was suggested the “City of Rochester” designation be moved left closer

to the downtown area on the directional map. The “Millennium Trail” designation should be on the directional map in the upper right panel. The “you are here” stars will be placed on the directional maps by staff. Regarding the brochure, change the “historic legend marker” to be the same as on the map. In the Points of Interest, velodrome should be capitalized, and City of Rochester should be added to the section relative to amenities.

ROCHESTER ART PROJECT UPDATE: Mr. Becker reported the glass panel displays were shipped last week to where the frames are being built. Discussions have been held with Mr. Pat McKay about placing them in the ground. Hopefully they will be installed before the first hard freeze of the winter. It was suggested that a separate brochure/map showing all the historical sites along the trail be developed in the future.

ATWATER BRICK PAVER ISSUE: Ms. Young reported that at an Orion Township Meeting, an incoming Trustee brought to the Board’s attention an Atwater resident complaint/concern regarding the unsafe condition of the brick paver pathway that leads to the Trail adjacent to Atwater Commons. Orion Township assured the resident this condition will be fixed. Ms. Myers explained that she wrote to Mr. Dywasuk, Orion’s Supervisor, last month outlining her understanding of the paving project, the final cost, how much was paid, and how much was due to be paid back to the Commission, as well as the Lake Orion DDA and the Township based on the funding percentages. A response has not been received to date. The Township has held back the retainer from the contractors who did the work, and there may be enough money left to take care of the unsafe condition. There is also the extra money left over from what was originally collected for the project. Ms. Myers will work with Jennifer Vezina, the interim Parks & Rec Director at Orion Township, to resolve this issue.

TRAILWAYS COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT REVIEW: Mr. Becker passed out his draft of an updated Mission Statement, and suggested a subcommittee be formed to look at ideas and write a draft of the revised statement for Commission review in a couple of months. The statement should be concise, but emphasize outdoor recreational use to keep people active. It should also include something about providing education about the trail. If the new statement is to be included in the Master Plan, the Plan’s approval will need to be delayed until the mission statement is finalized. Possibly the subcommittee could develop the statement and it could be discussed and approved next month when the Master Plan is approved. Messrs. Becker and Miller, as well as Ms. Myers will serve on the subcommittee. Members should email Ms. Myers with any thoughts.

MANAGER’S REPORT: In addition to the written report, Ms. Myers reported a suspect has been arrested by the Oakland Township substation for larceny from automobiles in the trail parking lots at Dutton, Silver Bell, and Gallagher Roads. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Sheriff’s office. Ms. Myers suggested next month’s meeting take place at the new offices in the old Cider Mill so everyone can have a tour of the facilities.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Mr. Makris indicated he has prepared two confidential memos relative to trail encroachment issues; one covers general ideas about encroachments and developing a process to deal with them, and the second memo is more specific, providing some legal information to the Commission. The legal issues may be better discussed in an executive session rather than in an open forum. The Preliminary/Draft ideas issue will be placed on the December agenda for discussion, reserving the legal issues memo discussion for a later date.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Mr. Peters reported that the tornado siren at Kern and Clarkston Road is officially in service. Ms. Young reminded Commissioners about the Holly Jolly Folly fund-raising event on December 5th and the lighted Christmas Parade the night after.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon Motion by Young, supported by Miller, *Moved*, that the November 18, 2008 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the new Trailways Office at the old Cider Mill.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTEN MYERS, Trail Manager

PAUL MILLER, Trail Secretary