

REGULAR MEETING of the PAINT CREEK TRAILWAYS COMMISSION

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Tuesday April 20, 2010 meeting was called to order by Chairman Blanchard at 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Rock Blanchard, Maryann Whitman, Ravi Yalamanchi (*exit 8:43 p.m.*)

Voting Alternates Present: Linda Gamage, Jeff Matis, Jeff Phillips

Non-Voting Alternates Present: Paul Miller (*exit 7:50 p.m.*)

Non-Voting Members Present: None

Voting Members Absent: Ben Giovanelli, Edward Peters, Richard Schultz, Kathy Thomas, Alice Young

Alternates Absent: Marc Edwards, Nathan Klomp, Martha Olijnyk, Penny Shults

Others Present: John Makris, Attorney, Kristen Myers, Trail Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add the Mounted Patrol Contract – approval, after the National Trails Day update.

MOTION by Phillips, supported by Whitman, ***Moved***, to approve the April 20, 2010 agenda as amended.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of March 16, 2010 Regular Meeting, approve and file
- b. March Treasurer's Report, receive and file
- c. March 2010 Invoices

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Matis, ***Moved***, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF APRIL INVOICES: Ms. Myers presented the invoices in the amount of \$3,266.50. This amount includes 1st quarter shared office costs to Oakland Township, Ms. Myers' 1st quarter mileage reimbursement, and Mr. Makris' monthly invoice for professional services relative to litigation. Ms. Myers commented that we had budgeted \$5,195 for legal services and we have exceeded that amount. The Commission needs to have a discussion about funding on-going legal costs. Fund balance is estimated at \$43,243.

MOTION by Yalamanchi, supported by Whitman, ***Moved***, that the invoices presented for payment are approved in the amount of \$3,266.50 and orders be drawn for payment. Also, a discussion of funding future legal fees will be held next month.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TEMPORARY PERMIT REQUEST – GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue – May 23, 2010

Walkathon: Ms. Colleen Dykstra representing the GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue organization explained her permit request. A walkathon fundraiser for GreyHeart members and families is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. from Gallagher Road to Dutton Road and back. She expects approximately 40 participants and they will park at the Gallagher Road parking lot. She has the insurance paperwork and asked that the permit fee be waived as they are a non-profit organization. A short discussion ensued relative to permit fees, concluding that the Commission needs to develop a policy regarding waiving fees under specific conditions.

MOTION by Yalamanchi, supported by Matis, *Moved*, that the temporary permit for the GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue’s May 23, 2010 event be approved, pending receipt of insurance information and waiving the permit fee.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MICHIGAN EARTHFEST – April 23-25, 2010: Ms. Myers stated the Commission is sharing a table with the Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy for this event, and asked for volunteers to assist. A sign up area will be set up for the Friends Group, and National Trails Day will be promoted during this event. The Earthfest has been a very successful event and about 100,000 attendees are expected this year. The Commission may want to consider funding their own table next year.

LABOR DAY BRIDGE WALK – September 6, 2010: Ms. Myers wants assurance that the Commission wants to continue this event and indicated the Rochester park location has worked well the past two years. Attendance was down last year due to the weather. Comments made include – this is a great opportunity for physical exercise and to pursue the Friends Group, children’s activities were suggested and a guided native plant tour could be held. It is the consensus to continue this event and use the Rochester park area for set-up. Ms. Gamage will work with Ms. Myers on the application process. There is \$750.00 in the budget for this event in addition to possible sponsors.

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Yalamanchi, *Moved*, to continue the bridge walk event in Rochester Park, utilizing up to the \$750.00 budgeted for this event.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY UPDATE AND PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION: A brief update was included in the packet. Three open garlic mustard pulls are scheduled in different locations, a trail tour, and a Friends Group signup table are proposed for the event. Dinosaur Hill will provide children’s activities for Oakland Township. Ms. Myers is asking for authorization to purchase 300 (out of 550) large recycled plastic tote bags with the Commission, Oakland Township Parks and Six Rivers Land Conservancy logo’s imprinted in white. These bags can be used at the Native Plant sale as well as to hold the pulled garlic mustard plants. It has not yet been decided whether to charge for the bags or ask for a donation. Ms. Myers would also like authorization to help fund a shuttle for the day. Parking at the Cider Mill is limited, and people will be encouraged to use the parking lot at Baldwin Elementary. A Ferndale-based bio-diesel, eco-friendly company called “The Night Move” has been contacted to provide shuttle services at a cost of \$220. This cost will be split with the Land Conservancy. Total cost for the bags is \$510, and the shuttle is \$110 for a total of \$620. Total budgeted for National Trails Day is \$1,500 leaving \$880 in the budget.

MOTION by Gamage, supported by Phillips, *Moved*, to approve funding for 300 tote bags and the shuttle, at a cost not to exceed \$620.00.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MOUNTED PATROL CONTRACT: Ms. Myers indicated Mr. Makris has reviewed the contract - no changes over the last two years. The hourly cost for patrol has decreased from \$16.57 to \$16.16/hour. We have budgeted \$8,535 for this year's service, affording us 528 hours of patrol from Memorial Day weekend through October. Ms. Myers is asking for approval of the contract at a cost not to exceed \$8,535

MOTION by Gamage, supported by Whitman, *Moved*, to approve the Mounted Patrol Contract for 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$8,535 for 528 hours running from Memorial Day weekend through October of this year.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT: In addition to the written report, Ms. Myers indicated that a draft budget needs to be presented to the Commission and asked for a meeting of the officers. She asked if the Recognition Program could be done in conjunction with the Labor Day Bridge Walk. Ms. Myers has met with Ms. Janet Haering, Mounted Patrol, about providing water access for horses at the north end of the trail. Ms. Haering remembers artesian wells there, and has volunteers that are willing to donate labor and services to help find the water. This will be on the agenda soon.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing to report in open session.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Mr. Matis reported that Rochester Council approved a green roof for the fire department building. It was suggested a biking event be scheduled on the trail to pursue Friends of the Trail. Perhaps the Commission could sponsor four events (by season) on the trail as part of a Friends Group round-up. Partnering with the Rochester DDA for an event is also a possibility.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION:

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Matis, *Moved*, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. and enter into Executive Session.

Ayes: Blanchard, Gamage, Matis, Phillips, Whitman, Yalamanchi

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was called back to order at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION by Phillips, supported by Whitman, *Moved*, that our Attorney proceed as directed during the Executive Session.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** for adjournment, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTEN MYERS, Trail Manager

EDWARD PETERS, Trailways Secretary