

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 February 17, 2009 meeting was called to order by Chair Blanchard at 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present: David Becker, Rock Blanchard, Marc Edwards, Edward Peters, Maryann Whitman, Ravi Yalamanchi

Voting Alternates Present: Linda Gamage

Non-Voting Alternates Present: Paul Miller, Martha Olijnyk, Kathy Thomas, Michael Webber

Non-Voting Members Present: Lois Golden (*enter 7:05 p.m.*)

Voting Members Absent: Richard Schultz, Alice Young

Alternates Absent: Jeff Matis, Penny Shults

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A Resolution of Support for the Village of Lake Orion's grant application for improvements at Children's Park was added as Item #7A.

MOTION by Becker, supported by Whitman, ***Moved***, to approve the February 17, 2009 agenda as amended.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of January 20, 2009 Regular meeting, approve and file
- b. January Treasurer's Report, receive and file

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Gamage, ***Moved***, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES: Ms. Myers presented the invoices in the amount of \$1,146.84, which includes the fee for the Michigan Conservation Stewards program and materials as approved last month and window shades for the office.

MOTION by Becker, supported by Edwards, ***Moved***, that the invoices presented for payment are approved in the amount of \$1,146.84 and orders be drawn for payment

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TEMPORARY PERMIT APPLICATION: Curamus Terram, September 19, 2009: Mr. Edwards explained the 10k race, which uses the trailway, will be eliminated this year. The original 3-1/2 mile course on the trail starting at Kern/Clarkston is being considered as part of the route for the approximate 200 participants. All necessary paperwork has been received and Ms.

Myers indicated the permit fee has been waived in the past as it benefits one of the member communities. The final route will be reviewed by Ms. Myers.

MOTION by Yalamanchi, supported by Whitman, *Moved*, that the temporary permit for the September 19, 2009 Curamus Terram event be approved, waiving the permit fee.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ATTENDANCE POLICY DISCUSSION: Ms. Myers explained that a Commissioner requested this issue be put on the agenda for discussion. After a short discussion, it is the consensus of the board that an attendance policy is not needed.

MOTION by Edwards, supported by Becker, *Moved* that the issue of and/or need for an attendance policy be tabled.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY – June 6, 2009: Ms. Myers sent an email to Commissioners yesterday about her concerns with this year's event. Because of last year's Master Plan update, National Trails Day and the Labor Day walk, Ms. Myers feels she has not been on the trail enough dealing with management issues and suggested options for this year, e.g., move the date of the NTD event or propose something low-key on that date, combining it with the Labor Day Walk, or celebrating NTD every other year. The first encroachment subcommittee meeting was held on February 9th, and Ms. Myers feels her time would be better spent working on identifying and documenting encroachments in preparation for enforcement. And due to the economy, it is up to the Commission whether or not it is appropriate to have a large event. There are other projects slated for this year including the connection to Polly Ann Trail, the Atwater site development, and preliminary work on the southeast Rochester property. The National Trails Day program is a nice event, if someone else wants to take on the responsibility. Ms. Golden supported moving the event to the fall and combining it with the Labor Day event as there are conflicting events on the June date and she already has other commitments. The event could also be combined with the Goodison Good Times event. Members agreed that moving the event is fine, but feels it important to at least do something low-key on the trail to celebrate the official NTD, possibly a small bike ride. Possibly when the Friend's Group gets organized, they could be responsible for coordinating NTD. We should research to see what other trails are doing on NTD and maybe join their events. A subcommittee will be formed to brainstorm the handling of this year's event – volunteers include Messrs. Blanchard, Becker, Miller, Ms. Golden and Ms. Myers. Recommendations will be brought back to the Commission.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – Village of Lake Orion's Grant Application for Improvements at Children's Park: Ms. Golden explained that the Village of Lake Orion is applying for a DNR grant for the significant improvements to the park and asked for support from all partners.

MOTION by Becker, supported by Yalamanchi,

Whereas, on January 20, 2009, the Paint Creek Trailways Commission adopted its 2009-2013 Paint Creek Trail Recreation Master Plan by resolution; and

Whereas, the Paint Creek Trail extends into the Village of Lake Orion near Broadway Street; and

Whereas, the Paint Creek Trail Recreation Master Plan includes a goal to develop additional connections and/or trail extensions through the Village of Lake Orion to the downtown business district and points of interest; and,

Whereas, the Phase I improvements at Children's Park will increase the recreation opportunities for the Lake Orion area and provide an additional destination and point of interest for over 100,000 annual Paint Creek Trail users.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Paint Creek Trailways Commission supports the Village of Lake Orion's application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for Phase I Improvements at Children's Park.

Ayes: Becker, Blanchard, Edwards, Gamage, Peters, Whitman, Yalamanchi

Nays: None

Absent: Shultz, Young

MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Nothing in addition to the written report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Mr. Makris reported that ITC has moved its offices, and he is working on the technical language issues; there is still a discrepancy when the license fees take effect for ITC rather than DTE. He believes ITC took over from Edison in 2003, but their documentation indicates the transfer took place in 2005. It has to be determined what past license fees are due, and these are being reconciled.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Mr. Becker reported that the Rochester Art displays are being stored in the shop and will be installed as soon as the ground thaws. It was suggested that tentative plans for spending our fund balance be placed on a future agenda for discussion. The first siren test will take place on March 4th.

NEXT MEETING – March 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Gamage, **Moved**, that the February 17, 2009 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTEN MYERS, Trail Manager

EDWARD PETERS, Trailways Secretary