

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 19, 2008 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Becker at 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Dave Becker, Paul Miller (*enter 7:06 p.m.*), Maryann Whitman, Ravi Yalamanchi

Voting Alternates Present: Linda Gamage, Edward Peters, Ron Stewart (*until 7:06 p.m.*), Kathy Thomas

Alternates Present: Martha Olinjyk, Michael Webber

Non-Voting Members Present: None

Voting Members Absent: Rock Blanchard, Marc Edwards, Alice Young

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Stewart, *Moved*, to approve the February 19, 2008 agenda as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Minutes – January 15, 2008 Regular Meeting, approval

b. January Treasurer's Report, receive and file

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Yalamanchi, *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 \$1,205.93. Fund balance is estimated at \$48,704. Included in this figure is the \$675.00 rental fee for the climbing tower/inflatable bouncer for National Trails Day. Ms. Myers reported that she has requested the non-profit rate for the units, and expects her request to be granted. \$675 would be the not-to-exceed rate. Senator Bishop usually covers part of this charge, so the Commission may be reimbursed for the bouncer.

MOTION by Gamage, supported by Whitman, *Moved*, that the invoices presented for payment are approved in the amount of \$1,205.93 and orders be drawn for payment.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TEMPORARY PERMIT REQUEST – Hometown Hustle/Rochester Schools: Ms. Myers explained the request to use the trail on May 10, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for approximately 300 participants to walk from Rochester Municipal Park to Tienken and back.

Insurance information has been received, but the fee is outstanding. A short discussion ensued about waiving permit fees for non-profit organizations. This aspect will be reviewed on a case by case basis in the future.

MOTION by Miller, supported by Gamage, *Moved*, to approve the temporary permit for Rochester Community Schools Foundation's Hometown Hustle event on May 10, 2008, waiving the permit application fee.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TEMPORARY PERMIT REQUEST – Walk for Kids/Rainbow Connection: Ms. Mary Grace McCarter, Executive Director of The Rainbow Connection, came forward and explained the request to use the trail on June 7, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for approximately 175 participants walking from Rochester Municipal Park to Tienken and back. Ms. Myers explained this is the same date as National Trails Day and is excited to incorporate their walk into our event. It will be a cross promotion for both ends of the trail on National Trails Day. It is suggested the permit application fee be waived. Insurance paperwork is outstanding.

MOTION by Yalamanchi, supported by Thomas, *Moved*, to approve the temporary permit for The Rainbow Connection's Walk for Kids event on June 7, 2008, pending receipt of insurance paperwork, and waiving the permit application fee.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY UPDATE: Ms. Myers reported two National Trails Day meetings have been held since our last meeting. Organizations involved are The Rainbow Connection, Lake Orion DDA, Oakland Township Parks, and Orion Township Parks. Hanson's Running Shop will be sponsoring a Fun Run that morning and donating items for a raffle. Paint Creek Bicycles will be sponsoring two rides and donating a bike for the raffle. A stewardship activity will take place at the Prairie site. Dinosaur Hill will hold the "create your own hiking stick" event. Radio Disney will provide musical entertainment. The Recognition Ceremony will be at noon. A geo-caching event may take place as well as a strolling magician. Whole Foods and Busch's are involved in food/water donations. The Recognition Committee will meet to discuss this year's awards and provide their recommendations next month. It was suggested that no more than five awards be given.

ROCHESTER ART PROJECT UPDATE: Mr. Becker reported final review of the displays has taken place; the panels will be ordered within two weeks and should be in the ground by National Trails Day.

COORDINATOR JOB TITLE CHANGE DISCUSSION: Mr. Becker requested action by the Commission to officially change Ms. Myers' title.

MOTION by Miller, supported by Peters, *Moved*, to formally change Ms. Myers' title from Trailways Coordinator to Trail Manager.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2009-2013 MASTER PLAN – Review of Administrative Structure: Discussion of suggested changes – information on the property survey was added on page 8, a paragraph relative to resurfacing was added on page 5, on the organization chart dashed lines should be used to connect the consultants and mounted patrol, on page 7 relative to the value of the trail, Ms. Myers will see what information is available, on page 9 add a bullet under #2 Administrative Assistant "as of early 2008, this position is vacant", on page 10 put the sentence relative to the Bike Patrol Budget back in and make reference that the budget is available on the website, on page 13 under Management of the Paint Creek Trail after the second sentence add "we constantly strive to define, understand and implement best management practices", and on page 14 under

Maintenance and Enforcement of Ordinances where it refers to “See Figure 3.7” possibly put a photo there instead of the reference. Typo’s or other changes to this section can be emailed to Ms. Myers.

2009-2013 MASTER PLAN – Review of Community Description: Ms. Myers indicated all the maps included in this section will be updated and the Village of Lake Orion has been added to all the statistics. The climate information on page 15 has been updated. Discussion of suggested changes include on page 1, second paragraph add “National Recreation Trail”, on page 4 remove “formerly Avon Township” from the first sentence, on page 5 remove the square miles from table 4.5, on page 7 under 6c – start sentence “with increased national and regional demand”, on page 8 last sentence change “dominate until” to “dominate through”, on page 12 it is suggested that an actual elevation chart be inserted, and on page 19 under Fish and Wildlife – add any protected species. Typo’s or other changes to this section can be emailed to Ms. Myers.

Please review the next section – Recreation Inventory and email any corrections/changes to Ms. Myers by March 3rd.

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: No report given.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: It was suggested the packet be emailed rather than mailed. Commissioners were asked to let Ms. Myers know what format they would like their packet delivered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon Motion to adjourn, the Regular Meeting was closed at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – March 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTEN MYERS, Trail Manager

Paul Miller, Trailways Secretary