

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 July 15, 2008 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Becker at 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Dave Becker, Paul Miller (*enter 7:05 p.m.*), Richard Schultz, Maryann Whitman, Alice Young

Voting Alternates Present: Edward Peters, Kathy Thomas

Alternates Present: Linda Gamage

Non-Voting Members Present: Lois Golden (*enter 8:00 p.m.*)

Voting Members Absent: Rock Blanchard, Marc Edwards, Ravi Yalamanchi

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Schultz, supported by Young, *Moved*, to approve the July 15, 2008 agenda as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes, Regular Meeting – June 17, 2008, approval
- b. June Treasurer's Report, receive and file

MOTION by Whitman, supported by Young, *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 \$2,154.63. This amount includes the 2nd quarter shared costs to Oakland Township Parks and Recreation for office operating costs. Mr. Becker indicated he would like to add a \$3,250.00 check to Imaging Sciences for the Rochester Art Project glass panels deposit, bringing the total invoices to be paid to \$5,404.63. Fund balance remains at an estimated \$54,000.

MOTION by Young, supported by Thomas, *Moved*, that the invoices presented for payment are approved in the amount of \$5,404.63 and orders be drawn for payment.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TEMPORARY PERMIT REQUEST – Rural Pearl of a Ride: Mr. Thomas Swieboda, representing the Orion Area Youth Assistance, explained the event on July 26, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Approximately 200 participants are expected to participate in the bike ride. The application and insurance information has been received and no other event is scheduled for this date. Ms. Myers indicated the permit fee has been waived in the past for this event.

MOTION by Miller, supported by Young, *Moved*, that the temporary permit for the Rural Pearl of a Ride event be approved, waiving the permit fee.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

OTAC MAP SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: Ms. Myers indicated the Commission received a request to sponsor the re-printing of the Oak Routes County Trail Network Map. In 2006, the Commission sponsored at the \$750 level, securing a space for the trail logo inside the map. Money is available in the budget.

MOTION by Schultz, supported by Whitman, *Moved*, to approve \$750.00 for sponsorship of the re-printing of the Oak Routes County Trail Network Maps.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MASTER PLAN – Revision of Timeline: Ms. Myers has revised the timeline reflecting what has been done and what still needs to be done, taking into account the DNR’s requirements for public hearings. We will review Goals and Objectives in August, and the Action Program and Capital Improvement Plan in September, with anticipation of the first draft of the Master Plan available by September 19, 2008. A special meeting may be scheduled for September 30, 2008 to review the draft Master Plan.

MOTION by Miller, supported by Young, *Moved*, to approve the Master Plan timeline as amended.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MASTER PLAN – Survey Summary: As of today, 107 responses have been received. The results show a support for the extension of the Polly Ann Trail, which will be listed in the Action Plan and Goals and Objectives. There were two or three responses dealing with trail etiquette – perhaps an educational brochure could be developed. The favorite thing about the trail is nature. Respondents didn’t see a need for more events except for volunteer clean-ups or an annual bike ride. Over 92% feel safe on the trail. The Tienken Road restroom will be added to the Goals and Objectives – Ms. Myers will work with Rochester Hills on this issue.

MASTER PLAN – Review Draft Chapters III-V: Suggested changes to Chapter III Administrative Structure include: Page 1, clarify that the Urban Cooperation Act is a Michigan statute, and change the sentence about the Commission’s “veto power” to read “financial decisions require the approval of all member communities”; Page 14, clarify that mounted patrol had been voluntarily provided prior to having “contracted” for this service starting in 2004. Suggested changes to Chapter IV Community Description include: all the maps will be updated; Page 19, Social Characteristics – change “total population of the member and non-member communities” to “member and associate member communities”; Page 23, Table 4.3 headers – add the words “abutting the trail” after number of residential lots; Page 24, Table 4.4 title – change “Population Age Distribution, Trail Communities” to “Population Age Distribution, Paint Creek Trail Communities”; Page 29, Table 4.9 – add the word “lumbering” after extractive; Page 33, remove Table 4.12; Page 35, last line change “GIS is becoming increasingly available” to “GIS has become available”; Page 36, Table 4.13 – remove the first column entitled “Critical

Area #”. Suggested changes to Chapter V Recreation Inventory include: Page 40, first paragraph change “four member community recreation plans” to “five member community recreation plans”; Page 63 relative to mile markers, add some history of the markers, and add a sentence about how to acquire the Prairie video; Page 64 and 65 refers to “universal design” – Ms. Myers will research this to clarify what it actually means. Mr. Becker will assist in updating the organizational chart. Any other typo or grammatical changes can be emailed to Ms. Myers.

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Mr. Makris reported he is working with Jim Fraus relative to issues about the Livernois/Dutton intersection and the existence of a portion of a plat being on trail property. This does not raise any issues of concern for the Commission. Nothing significant has happened with the ITC agreements during the last month - Mr. Makris will address this in the next 30 days.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Ms. Whitman mentioned that the Foley Pond fen area needs attention by Orion Township as there are a lot of invasive trees and shrubs in this area. Perhaps we could create an educational event to see what can be done in this area on a volunteer basis. Ms. Young indicated that a labor crew could possibly be recruited, but they would need expertise in what needs to be done. Ms. Golden indicated that the County has grants available to request assistance for this type of clean-up effort.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon Motion, the July 15, 2008 Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m., and the members proceeded to a Field Trip and GPS Demonstration at the Letica Road portion of the trail.

NEXT MEETING – August 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTEN MYERS, Trail Manager

PAUL MILLER, Trail Secretary