

Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Inc.
Council Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2004, 2:30 p.m.
Community Room- Oxford

Present: Eugene Mallia , Chairman (LV)
Pauline Blanka (LV)
Shirley Clancy (OxT)
Gerald Dywasuk (OrT)
James Marleau (OrT)
Renee Donovan (OxV)
Joe Young (OxV)
Ed Brakefield (AT)
Robert Koski, Vice Chairman (AT)

Absent: Kallie Rosener (OxT)

Others present Lois Golden, Larry Obrecht, David Bailey and several guests

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairperson Mallia called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Young called the roll. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Clancy moved, Koski seconded to approve the agenda. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Clancy moved, Koski seconded to approve the October 15, 2004 minutes. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Larry Obrecht introduced Jim Faycurry and Debra Marcer, partners from Dutton Partners, LLC who presented the PATMC with a check for \$25,0000. The Board expressed their thank you with a framed certificate of appreciation which was presented the Dutton Partners, LLC.

Chairman Mallia read a letter with petitions containing 520 signatures objecting to the bridge project and stating that the funds would be better used for active traffic signals at Center Street and Stanton or Broadway on M-24.

David Bailey asked about the use of the \$25,000 contribution from Dutton Partners. Gerald Dywasuk expressed that the funds would be used at least in part in Orion Township, rather than for the bridge. Treasurer Marleau stated that the Board's policy on donations is the any over \$1,000 would go to the capital constuction projects.

Lois Golden commented about the DNR acquisition funds coming from oil and gas leases not tax dollars.

Treasurer's Report

Trail Manager Golden went over the Treasurer's report. The checking account balance as of October 31 was \$32,572.47. Current bills due totaled \$546.01. Koski moved, Marleau seconded, to approve the bills to pay in the amount of \$546.01 for checks 1735-1737. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the revenue from the equestrian event should be in account 4012 rather than 4011.

Trail Manager's Report

Trail Manager Golden highlighted an item in her written report regarding a meeting of MDOT and the Oakland Planning where the Polly Ann bridge crossing was the priority for the County and MDOT.

Citizen's Representatives Report

Kathy Brakefield gave a brief report on the equestrian activities. Comments were made regarding parking areas for horses were being used and more could be planned.

Old Business:

Oxford Bridge Status

Since Mr. Obrecht has left the meeting, there was no report on the bridge status.

3 Disciplines Race Report and Recommendation

Golden reported on the 3 Disciplines Race problems including funds for the number of participants, lack of cleanup after the race and other issues. Chairman Mallia will work with Trail Manager Golden to follow up on the problems. Marleau suggested that in the future a deposit be required with the check deposited to the bank and refunded if there are no claims against the funds. Golden will follow up with policies regarding this matter.

New Business:

Trail Map/ Brochure Changes

Golden issued copies of the current map and requested that the board members have all changes by January. Updates on the businesses and other notations need to be made.

Center Street Report

Manager Golden reported on clean and litter matters along the trail at Center street including a dumpster issues and other matters. The "volunteer" work of the WAM program and other community service workers was acknowledged by Chairman Mallia.

Vandalism on the Trail

Manager Golden reported on vandalism and dumping on the trail.

Golden will check on the cross country skiing signage.

Recognition of Service

Chairman Mallia commented on the contributions made by outgoing board members Shirley Clancy and James Marleau. Plaques of appreciation were presented.

Council Member Comments

James Marleau commented about the experience on being on the board and working together with the sister communities.

Ed Brakefield thanked Manager Golden for her responses to the Board and dealing with non-board persons.

Chairman Mallia requested that the December meeting be held at Friendship Park. The consensus was to reschedule the December 17 at 2:30 p.m. to the Friendship Park in Orion Township (off Clarkston Road before Baldwin).

Koski moved, seconded by Brakefield, to adjourn. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Joe Young