

Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Inc.
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Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2004
9:30 A.M.

Members Present: Eugene Mallia, Chairperson
Robert Koski, Vice Chairperson
Kallie Roesner
Shirley Clancy
Mark Slown, Secretary
Rene'e Donovan
James Marleau, Treasurer

Members Absent: Pauline Blanka
Ed Brakefield
Gerald Dywasuk

Others Present: Pat Paad – Recording Secretary
Peggy Johnson – Lapeer Polly Ann Trail
Cathy Brakefield – Representative for Equestrians
Amy Murray – Trail Manager

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairperson Mallia called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Paad called the roll. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Vice-Chairperson Koski moved, Marleau seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of item (c) Admissible Presentation to New Business. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2004:

Vice Chairperson Koski moved, Clancy seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 20, 2004 as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Treasurers report:

Vice Chairperson Koski moved, Clancy seconded to approve the bill run as shown on the report in the amount of \$551.48. **Motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Clancy moved, Vice Chairperson Koski seconded to approve the payment to Kennedy Surveying out of the construction account in the amount of \$235.50. **Motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Trail Manager's Report:

Murray went over her written report touching on the Wam Crew, the green house at Oxford Farm & Garden; an Eagle Scout trying to earn his badge will be building and placing maps and donation boxes on the trail near Hosner and Scripps Roads. She stated that a system needed to be worked on regarding the collection of donations on a regular basis. A. Murray also stated that along with a date change with the Rural Pearl Ride, they will be working out of the bike shop and will be coming up with a family friendly route. A. Murray stated she has spoken with some people regarding the bridge and stated there was still some apprehension, but felt it was coming along. A. Murray also stated she would be applying for all grants available and working on the connector routes in Orion Twp.

Chairperson Mallia stated that he attended a meeting at the Village of Oxford with J. Elsarelli and L. Obrecht regarding the bridge and stated that all 19 items had been responded to and that there was two outstanding, 1) Relocation of the traffic signal. How and when will it be relocated? 2). Water run off plan needed to be more detailed.

Old Business:

Policy on Development along the Polly Ann Trail:

Roesner stated the Township Planning Commission stated that they should get with the Polly Ann Trail Council to discuss the development on Lakeville Rd. She stated that the Council needed to develop a standard and suggest guidelines for the Planning Commission to use when looking at developments. Roesner stated that a list of essentials for the developer to go by. The Polly Ann Trail is not a buffer and shouldn't be used as one. Slown stated that local Governments should pass local ordinances that would not allow motorized crossings and developers could not just build a road. Roesner stated that she would address these and draft it up in outline form for the Council to review. Some of the items were; buffering, drainage on the trail, set backs and crossings policies.

Formula funding status:

Murray stated that they had received payments from Village of Oxford and Oxford Township, but were still waiting on Addison and Orion Township. Treasurer Marleau asked A. Murray to e-mail him another and he would get that right out to her.

New Business:

Ownership of development 'improvements'

Council Members discussed ownership and maintenance. A. Murray stated that the auditors would like this information. Slown suggested a legal opinion. Council Members stated that they would like A. Murray to do a survey on the DNR trail and see how they have handled this issue.

Reschedule April 16, 2004 Meeting:

Murray explained that this meeting falls during the spring break week and would like to reschedule due to conflicts. Slown moved, Marleau seconded to approve rescheduling April 16th 2004 meeting to April 23, 2004. All ayes, motion carried.

Admissible Presentation:

Slown suggested to the Council that A. Murray do a presentation for the Municipalities to refresh them on what has been going on. She would speak with Councils and Planning Commissions. Clancy suggested a joint meeting for some of these presentations with other communities.

Council Member's Remarks:

Slown discussed the Melvin J. Estate development in the Village of Oxford and stated that the developer is allowing the trail to connect to Scriptor Park.

J. Marleau stated he wanted to thank A. Murray for sending the letter to the Lions. He stated that sports memorabilia is a hot commodity and that anything that could be donated for a raffle or an auction would be great. He asked if something like that could be done for the Strawberry Festival. Amy stated she would see about this and also will reapply during the next cycle in fall.

K. Roesner asked if there were any writings on the press conference. A. Murray stated that the Detroit Free Press and the Oakland Press had responded, also Oxford Leader and Orion Review.

Representative – Cathy Brakefield:

C. Brakefield stated that the Pony express will be on June 6, 2004 and a pig was donated for the pig roast. She stated she would like to get road signs at crossings to identify roads. She stated that it will start in Dryden, but will have other trails so they can go which ever way they would like. The pig roast will be held at Blanka Trail Head. She told A. Murray that their flyers were ready and will send one to her to post on the website. She stated they would try to sell tickets in advance to try to collect money ahead of time. She also asked for donations of spare wood, 2x4 for more hitching posts. C. Brakefield stated that the Strawberry Festival chicken dinner will be Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at Rowland Hall from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Vice Chairperson Koski moved, Marleau seconded to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.