

Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Inc. (PATMC)
Council Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2005, 2:30 p.m.
Friendship Park Pavilion - Orion Township

Present: Council Members:

Eugene Mallia , Chairman	(LV)
Sue Bellairs	(OxT)
Kallie Rosener	(OxT)
Robert Koski, Vice Chairman	(AT)
Alice Young	(OfT)
Joe Young	(OxV)

Citizen Representative Frank Cobb
Trail Manager Lois Golden

Absent:

Ed Brakefield	(AT)
Renee Donovan	(OxV)
Pauline Blanka	(LV)
Matt Gibb	(OfT)

Others present Tom Smith

Respects were given to the flag.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Robert Koski moved, Alice Young seconded, to approve the agenda. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Alice Young moved, Sue Bellairs seconded, to approve the November 16, 2005 minutes .
By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alice Young went over the Treasurer's report. The checking account balance as of November 30 was \$13,076.32. Current bills due totaled \$13,649.08 which results in a negative balance of \$447.76. A grant reimbursement check for \$33,544.05 is expected before the end of the year at which time the \$9,500.00 check to Tetra Tech will be mailed. Joe Young moved, Robert Koski seconded, to approve the bills to pay in the amount of \$13,649.08. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Mallia asked about a payment for plated shovels to Larry Obrecht. No information was available on this.

Trail Manager's Report

Trail Manager Golden's written report was received and highlighted by her. A draft donation/membership form was presented for board comments. The income tax deduction status was suggested to be placed on the form.

Citizen's Representatives Report

Citizen Representative Frank Cobb raised a question about hunter's having guns and parking vehicles on the trail. No hunting or parking is allowed on the trail, however carrying registered gun's is not prohibited by law on the trail. Better signage and patrol is needed along the trail particularly where Bald Mountain Park and other trails areas connect. Any suspected hunting on the trail should be called into 911 for the authorities to handle.

Development Status Update (agenda item 9)

There was no update on the construction status of the trail and bridge project. Once the bridge fabrication is finalized a decision to place it in December or wait until the spring is to be. The concrete work on the deck and ramps will be delayed until spring. Stairsteps for the bridge are to be addressed with MDOT.

Old Business:

DNR Lease- Subcommittee Overview and Recommendations (agenda item 10 a.)

Since the committee has not been able to meet, it was agreed that board members where to email their comments to Lois before the next meeting. Marked up copies of the proposed lease were issued to the board. The lease is needed for the April grant application due date.

Leonard Trailhead/ADA Compliance – Update (agenda item 10. b.)

Lois Golden reported on the ADA compliance issues. The grade and surface for ADA access to the restroom facility is to be addressed. Signage for the parking lot handicap use and a drawing of the proposed improvements is to be provided to the DNR representative. Lois reported that the Rochester Hills Scout group with Dave Sexton taking the lead on this task to address the ADA issues and a display case.

Orion Township/PATMC Grant Application to CFSEM (agenda item 10.c.)

Lois Golden presented a copy of the grant application for a total project of \$1,267,366. Chairman Mallia asked about operating fund grants that may be available. Lois stated that corporate grants are available to apply for. We need to finalize updating the master plan by going through the public hearing process and printing it and get the DNR lease finalized to be eligible to apply for all the various government and private funds.

New Business:

Gates- Leonard Horse Buggy Access (agenda item 11 a.)

Discussion regarding use of the trail by horse carriage/buggy took place. The specific time of the requested use was not known. The consensus was that special/event use would need board approval as has been in the past.

Winter Maintenance of Trail- Plowing: user requests (agenda item 11 b.)

Several requests and offers for clearing sections of the trail for walking by plowing the snow down to two inches are so.

Kallie Roesner moved, seconded by Robert Koski, to allow municipalities to handle winter maintenance within their jurisdictions with approval of the DNR for using motorized vehicles for plowing snow. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Maps/brochures (agenda item 11.c.)

Lois Golden presented a working draft map for review. Possible advertisers to fund the printing is being pursued by Lois.

Addison Township PATMC participation- Intergovernmental Agreement (agenda item 11.d.)

Bob Koski submitted a letter dated December 21, 2005 notifying the board that Addison Township will withdraw from the PATMC due to an inability to provide funding for the yearly dues and the inability of the DNR/PATMC to provide for equestrian uses. A copy of the Addison Township resolution was attached. The intergovernmental agreement provides for a 60 day notice to withdraw which would be effective February 18, 2006.

Disappoint with the action by the Addison Township Board to withdraw for the reasons stated was expressed.

Election of Vice President (agenda item 11.e.)

This matter is deferred until next year.

Adoption of the 2006 PATMC Meeting Schedule (agenda item 11.f.)

Alice Young moved, seconded by Sue Bellairs, to approve the 2006 meeting date schedule. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously. The January 18 meeting is to be scheduled for the Oxford Township Veteran's Hall. The remaining date locations will be submitted at the next meeting.

Council Member Comments

Happy holiday wishes were shared by the board members.

Adjournment

Alice Young moved, seconded by Kallie Rosener, to adjourn. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Joe Young

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at the Oxford Township Veteran's Hall.