

Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Inc. (PATMC)
Council Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2006, 2:30 p.m.
Oxford Community Room
22 W. Burdick, Oxford, MI 48371

Present: Council Members:

Eugene Mallia , Chairperson	(LV)
Sue Bellairs	(OxT)
Kallie Roesner, Vice Chairperson	(OxT)
Alice Young	(OrT)
Matt Gibb (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)	(OrT)
Renee Donovan	(OxV)
Joe Young	(OxV)

Citizen Representative Frank Cobb
Trail Manager Lois Golden

Absent:

Pauline Blanka	(LV)
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Others present Bill Service, Larry Obrecht, Bill Dunn, Dave Bailey, Bob Zerwick, Helen Barwig, Rock Blanchard, Melinda Hill, Mary MacMaster, and other guests.

Respects were given to the flag.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairperson Mallia called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. Secretary Young called the roll. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Kallie Roesner moved, Alice Young seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11 G. Soil Erosion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Alice Young moved, Kallie Roesner seconded, to approve the January 18, 2006 minutes as amended, noting the funding resolutions not passed due lack of Addison Township attendance to vote. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mary MacMaster, Dave Bailey, Helen Barwig and Bill Dunn made comments regarding the unbudgeted shovel agenda item. Members of the public requested that the bill not be paid and the pre-approval procedures be addressed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alice Young went over the Treasurer's report for February and March.

February Invoices

Joe Young moved, Alice Young seconded, to approve the February bills to pay in the amount of \$18,972.73. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

March Invoices

Kallie Roesner moved, Joe Young seconded, to approve the March bills to pay in the amount of \$13,828.30. By roll call vote the motion passed 5-1(Bellairs).

By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. The checking account balance as of March 15 was \$49,322.69. The Steel account balance was \$43,590.66 and the money market balance was \$5,140.55 as of February 28.

Unbudgeted item: Shovels \$1,439.20

The payment for plated shovels to Larry Obrecht for \$1,439.20 was discussed. Mr. Obrecht commented on past personal purchases and withdrew this request for reimbursement.

Chairman Mallia commented on the volunteer effort that has taken place over the past several years to bring the trail to where it is today and the very generous giving of time and effort of Larry Obrecht and others.

Trail Manager's Report

Trail Manager Golden's report was received which Lois highlighted items including having Melinda Hall assisting with grants and other trail matters.

Citizen's Representatives Report

Frank Cobb asked about having a newsletter as Lapeer does. Lois commented that the web page is available and saved mailing costs.

Development Status Update (agenda item 9)

Larry Obrecht reported on the status of the bridge. Mr. Obrecht reported on the extra items needing funding. including the MDOT request to have a different finish, totaled about \$110,000. He reported that arrangements for funding of the various items are in process. Confusion on the enhancement funding with MDOT is being resolved. Punch list items including fine aggregate are being addressed with the contractor.

The project completion date is being extended to the end of May.

Sue Bellairs commented on getting information on the project including calling MDOT. Sharing of information on the project and funding was her request.

The DNR funding of a side equestrian trail in Leonard was discussed. This funding request was not made by Larry Obrecht or through the PATMC, but was made by representatives of Addison Township who went directly to the DNR. The estimated cost of the horse side trail was \$159,000 with DNR funding of under \$200,000 reported on.

Matt Gibb commented on the PATMC resolution on the priority of projects in Orion Township being next, not the side trail in Leonard.

New Business:

DNR Lease Review & Adoption (agenda item 10 a.)

A copy of the DNR lease was submitted. Matt Gibb commented on various aspects of the lease. The lease is fine with no cause for concern and recommended accepting the lease. The withdrawal by Addison Township and the intergovernmental agreement commitment of the project was discussed. It was suggested that a letter be drafted by an attorney to contact Addison Township regarding the lease commitment. The consensus was to seek a separate attorney on our position with the pending withdrawal and the lease commitment. Lois Golden is to finalize the document (fill in the blanks) for action at the next meeting.

Maps/Brochures (agenda item 10.b.)- deleted from agenda for next meeting.

Addison Township Participation Withdrawal- Intergovernmental Agreement Revision (agenda item 10.c.)

The withdrawal of Addison Township was discussed. In-kind contribution alternatives were being asked to be investigated. Offsetting cash expense items were possibilities to be considered. Section 7 of the Intergovernmental Agreement reads the terminating unit remains liable for all obligations incurred and shall remain liable for all obligations incurred prior to termination. The maintenance agreement and the contracts for the path and bridge project would still be an obligation of Addison Township. The point was made that perpetual maintenance amount would be at the funding level at termination as an on-going obligation issue.

Motion made by Alice Young, seconded by Sue Bellairs, that Addison Township carry their full weight of the PATMC commitments and agreements. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Matt Gibb, seconded by Alice Young, to determine the portion of the PATMC obligations for future maintenance and the maintenance agreements and lease are confirmed to be binding to Addison Township. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Scout Signage Project- James Murphy (agenda item 11 a.)

Lois Golden reported on a Scout project to provide backboards to the sign trails.

Tee Shirt Consignment – Bob Zerwick (agenda item 11.b.)

Bob Zerwick presented a concept to design and sell shirts for the Polly Ann Trail on his web site. The consensus was to have him make a proposal at the next meeting.

Orion Family Bike Ride (agenda item 11.c.)

Rock Blanchard, of Orion Township, requested use of the Polly Ann Trail for a family bike ride event to be held June 10.

Motion made by Renee Donovan, seconded by Alice Young, to approve the use of the Polly Ann Trail by Orion Township for the June 10th family bike ride event as proposed with the appropriate permits and insurance waiver forms being completed. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Development/Projects Priorities- Leonard horse path, Orion extension, other (agenda item 11. d.)

Discussion concerning the previously approved resolution by the board that Orion Township would be the next priority after the current bridge and trail project.

Motion made by Joe Young, seconded by Alice Young, to confirm the priority that Orion Township would be the next priority after the current bridge and trail project. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Receipt of 2005 Audit (agenda item 11. e.)

Motion made by Joe Young, seconded by Alice Young to receive and file the audit report for 2005. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Revised 2006 Formula Funding (agenda item 11. f.)

Treasurer Alice Young noted a discrepancy in the approved 2006 budget with the sponsorship revenue funds being greater by \$5,550 than the approved expenses of \$52,950. Alice Young moved, seconded by Sue Bellairs to approve the revised budgeted sponsorship revenue to \$52,950 and that a refund of excess amounts paid be made. By roll call vote the motion passed 6-1 (Gibb).

Soil Erosion (agenda item 11 g.)

Kallie Roesner addressed a soil erosion issue of a bank at the north side of the trail on Lakeville Road at a Willow Lake housing site. It was suggested that the Township have the property owner be contacted and advise the DNR. Lois Golden offered to follow up on this.

Council Member Comments

Ron Davis commented on trees that are a hazard on the trail in the Village of Oxford that need to have caution tape on until they are removed. Lois Golden reported that work crews were in process of clearing the trail of the hazardous tree and limbs.

Matt Gibb reported on Orion Township's commitment to purchase added railway to the south that would tie into Bald Mountain Park.

Lois Golden reported that information on the trail and bridge project is on the web site.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Joe Young

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Orion Township Board Room.