

Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Inc. (PATMC)
Council Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2006, 2:30 p.m.
Orion Township – Board Meeting Room

Present: Council Members:

Eugene Mallia, Chairperson	(LV)
Pauline Blanka	(LV)
Sue Bellairs	(OxT)
Joe Ferrari (replaced Kallie Roesner)	(OxT)
Alice Young	(OrT)
Matt Gibb	(OrT)
Dave Bailey (replaced Renee Donovan)	(OxV)
Joe Young	(OxV)

Trail Manager Lois Golden

Absent: Citizen Representative Frank Cobb

Others present Larry Obrecht, Rock Blanchard and other guests.

Respects were given to the flag. Invocation was given.

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.

Alice Young moved, Sue Bellairs seconded, to accept Joe Ferrari and Dave Bailey to the board. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously

Approval of the Agenda:

Joe Young moved, Dave Bailey seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11 i. Acceptance of Trail Manager Lois Golden resignation. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dave Bailey moved, Joe Ferrari seconded, to approve the March 15, 2006 minutes as amended. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Bill Kalmar commented and presented a letter on the new stone surface of the trail being too course. Larry Obrecht stated that a walk through with a Tetra Tech engineer on Thursday to identify the stone problem areas.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alice Young went over the Treasurer's report for April.

April Invoices

Eugene Mallia moved, Joe Young seconded, to approve the April bills to pay in the amount of \$6,031.41. A Tetra Tech bill for \$3,100 was questioned for more detail. The balance of the contract is \$8,200. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Ferrari moved, Sue Bellairs seconded, to invite Tetra Tech to attend the next meeting at no cost to give a project status report. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Trail Manager's Report

Trail Manager Golden's report was received which Lois highlighted various items. Lois reported requests for the WAM crew by members. Larry Obrecht stated that the WAM crew is dedicated for the PATMC and that any requests should be made to Community Correction to get other crews by the requesting party.

Grant Update: Lois reported on the grant status. Orion Township was awarded a \$75,000 grant with a match of \$558,616.70. Matt Gibb commented that they are seeking future commitments to contribute to the match within the one-year requirement.

Matt Gibb moved, Eugene Mallia seconded, to schedule a special meeting for the sole purpose of addressing the purposed and direction of the PATMC. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Representatives Report None

Development Status Update (agenda item 10)

Larry Obrecht reported on the status of the bridge. A contract with NDT for bridge welding inspection for an amount not to exceed \$20,518.60 was requested to be approved. Larry stated that DNR utility grant funds are available for the contract that has a balance of \$35,366. A copy of the contract was presented to the table. This contract is necessary for the bridge construction to begin, otherwise the bridge will be further delayed.

Matt Gibb moved, Pauline Blanka seconded, to authorize the chairperson to sign the contract with NDT Testing Group in an amount not to exceed \$20,518.60 with funds from the grant. The roll call vote was 5 yeas, 3 nays; with two Oxford Township nays the motion did not pass (at least one favorable vote from each member community is required to approve a contract). To allow time for copies of the contract to be provided for review it was suggested that a special meeting be scheduled including adding it to the May 3 special meeting agenda if a meeting can't be held sooner.

New Business:

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

James Murphy presented three samples of sign backing material for selection by the board. Joe Ferrari moved, Alice Young seconded, to select the first design. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Scout Project- Dave Sexton (agenda item 11.b.)

Dave Sexton presented a trailhead and ADA access improvement project for consideration. Eugene Mallia moved, Alice Young seconded to approve the scout project as presented, subject to DNR approval. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair (agenda item 11.c.)

Motion made by Joe Young, seconded by Dave Bailey, to nominate Matt Gibb to be Vice-Chairperson. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Greater Rochester Area Community Foundation – Peggy Hamilton (agenda item 11. d.)

A proposal to solicit and collect endowment funds at a fee of 1% was presented with a \$10,000 payment by the Greater Rochester Area Community Foundation. Since Peggy Hamilton was unable to attend the meeting, this item was set aside. Rock Blanchard commented that the SE Community Foundation is a possible funding source.

New Trail Manager & Selection Process (agenda item 11. e.)

Eugene Mallia commented that the former trail manager, Amy Murray, was interested in returning to that position. Lois Golden stated she could leave between mid and the end of May. The possibility of having Amy Murray as interim manager while advertising for the position was suggested. A committee to interview Amy Murray was appointed to include Alice Young, Pauline Blanka, Sue Bellairs and Dave Bailey to discuss the position with her, while advertising is placed.

Schedule Special Meeting (agenda item 11. f.)

Joe Ferrari moved, seconded by Joe Young add the bridge contract to the special meeting scheduled for May 3 at 2:30 p.m. at Orion Township. By voice vote the motion passed 6-1 (Gibb).

Complaints- Vehicle use of the trail (agenda item 11 g.)

Eugene Mallia reported on two incidents this past weekend of vehicles on the trail. The need to have one bollard in the center of the trail was suggested to deter vehicle use of the trail. Trail Manager Golden would arrange to have this done by the WAM crew.

Development Restoration- signage, Bollards, Trailhead (agenda item 11.h.)

No further discussion on this matter.

Acceptance of Trail Manager's Resignation (agenda item 11.i.)

Alice Young moved, Matt Gibb seconded, to accept Lois Golden's resignation as of May 15 with regrets. By voice vote the motion passed 6-1 (Ferrari).

Council Member Comments

Pauline Blanka commented about the history of the PATMC with Larry Obrecht and the ceremony with the shovels as being the past practice for years. She stated she felt strongly that Larry should be reimbursed.

Matt Gibb commented on the possible delay of the bridge due to not approving the welding inspection contract and possible cost overruns as a result.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Joe Young

A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m. at Orion Township Board Room.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Oxford Veteran Memorial Civic Center.