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2016 Summary of Events and Accomplishments

The Commission approved Temporary Use Permits for the following events:

- Frank Race Management- Run Michigan Cheap- April 23, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- RARA- Earth Day 5k Fun Run- April 24, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- Cruisin' for the Trails- Motor City Brew Tours (4rd year)- May 7, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- Hometown Hustle- Rochester Community Schools Foundation- May 7, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- Frank Race Management- Run Michigan Cheap- July 16, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- Ride to End Suicide Bike Event- August 27, 2016
- Gears and Beers Bike Ride and Pub Crawl- September 10, 2016
- Crossroads Pregnancy Center Bike for Life 2016- September 16, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- Brooksie Way – September 25, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- Michigan Nature Association- Rattle Snake Run- October 1, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- Women's Health Run 10 Feed 10- October 2, 2016 (Admin Approval)
- PLEA Foundation Family Walk and Fun Run- October 8, 2016
- CCC Angels of Hope Walk/Fun Run- October 15, 2016 (Admin Approval)

January

The Commission discussed goals and objectives for 2016.

The Commission approved submission of the MNRTF grant application for Bridge 33.7 renovation.

The Commission approved the Temporary Construction Easement for Trail Extension into Lake Orion.

The Commission discussed reducing the number of monthly PCTC meetings.

February

The Commission adopted Resolution #2016-01 to Provide Assistance to the Friends of the Paint Creek Trail.

The Commission approved National Trails Day 2016- Garlic Mustard Pull budget.

The Commission discussed job descriptions for the Trail Manager and Administrative Assistant.

March

A Public Hearing for the MNRTF Grant Application, Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 Renovation was held.

The Commission approved Resolution #2016-02 authorizing submission of MNRTF Grant Application, Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 Renovation.

The Commission approved the Reaffirmation of Understanding: Maintenance & In-Kind Services for member communities.

2016 Commission Advisory Committee Assignments were established.

April

The Commission approved Resolution #2016-03 in support of the Road Commission of Oakland County's \$300,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application on behalf of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation and the Paint Creek Trailways Commission for the Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 Renovation project.

The Commission discussed televising Commission Meetings.

The Commission approved amended job descriptions for the Trail Manager and Administrative Assistant.

May

The Commission continued discussing televising Commission Meetings.

Chairperson Becker presented a preliminary Southeast Rochester Property Report. The Commission and staff made a site visit to the Southeast Rochester Property parcel.

The 4th Annual "Cruisin' for the Trails" fundraiser by Motor City Brew Tours raised \$6,600 for Paint Creek Trail improvements.

Ms. Myers updated the Commission on the upcoming National Trails Day Garlic Mustard Pull.

June

The Commission approved Ms. Myers issuing an RFP for concept design of the Southeast Rochester Property.

Ms. Myers presented to 2015 Financial Audit to the Commission. The Commission approved the Audit as presented.

Ms. Myers reported a very successful National Trails Day Garlic Mustard pull: 50 volunteers pulled 114 large trash bags totaling 3,420 lbs. of invasive plants.

Commission approved changing the Administrative Assistant job title to Assistant Trail Manager.

July

The Commission approved the Assistant Trail Manager's salary recommendation as presented by the Trail Manager.

The Commission discussed a draft RFP for the 2016 Audit.

The Oakland County Sheriff Office Mounted Patrol returned for a successful season.

August

The Commission discussed three Concept Design Plan Proposals submitted for the Southeast Rochester Property.

The Commission discussed and approved 50 % of the cost share of the MNRTF Grant Application Disability Workshop.

The \$300,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant was recommended for funding by MDOT for the Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 Renovation Project (a collaborative grant application among the Road Commission of Oakland County, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Paint Creek Trailways Commission)

The Commission approved issuance of a 2016 Audit Request for Proposal.

The Commission approved the 2017 Draft Budget.

September

The eleventh annual "Paint Creek Trail Virtual Bridge Walk" was held on Labor Day (Sept 5) with approximately 400 participants and volunteers. Participants were greeted with Fudge and water at the Kiwanis Pavilion. Waterproof cell phone caddies were distributed to participants to commemorate the event. Over \$1,100.00 was raised by 'suggestion donation' for Trail improvements.

The Commission approved the contract for the Southeast Rochester Concept Design Plan Services with Design Team +.

The Commission approved contracting with Gabridge & Company for one year for the 2016 Financial Audit.

October

The Commission received and approved several improvement recommendations from the Friends of the Paint Creek Trail group.

The Commission discussed improvements to the Paint Creek Trail map/brochure for the next printing.

The Commission received and approved a request to renegotiate the license agreement terms with AT & T for five crossings along the trail.

The Cider Mill Connector was officially opened by the Oakland Township Safety Paths and Trails Committee, connecting the trail to the Cider Mill via a new pathway next to Flagstar Bank.

November

The Commission approved Resolution #2016-04 establishing the 2017 Meeting Schedule.

The Girl Scouts presented a proposal to establish an “Adopt-a-Trail” program. The Commission approved the plan for a two year trial run.

Design Team+ presented their draft Concept Design Plan for the Southeast Rochester Property. Comments and suggestions were received to be incorporated into the final plan.

The Commission approved four official events for 2017: 5th Annual Cruisin’ for the Trails cycling event in May, “Tails for Trails” dog/pet event for National Trails Day in June, 12th Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk in September, and the 6th annual Paint Creek Crawl in late September or early October.

The Commission improved their social media presence by adding Instagram, with the username PaintCreekTrail.

December

The Commission approved a final amended budget of \$97,087

The Commission maintained a positive social media presence with 4,726 Facebook followers (a 16.7% increase from 2015), 246 new Instagram followers, and 446 Twitter followers (an increase of 49.8% from 2015).

The Commission approved the Southeast Rochester Concept Design Plan created by Design Team+ from Birmingham, Michigan.

The Commission approved Resolution #2016-05, To Encourage finalization of the Land Exchange Case (No.2012-0191) between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Charter Township of Orion.