

PAINT CREEK TRAILWAYS COMMISSION and  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
December 19, 2017

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The December 19, 2017, special joint committee meeting of the Paint Creek Trailways Commission (hereinafter "PCTC") and the Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission (hereinafter "PRC") was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the main conference room of the Township Hall.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PAINT CREEK TRAILWAYS COMMISSION**

PRESENT: David Becker, City of Rochester, Acting Chairperson (not voting)  
Rock Blanchard, City of Rochester Hills  
Susan Bowyer, City of Rochester Hills  
Frank Ferriolo, Charter Township of Oakland  
Linda Gamage, City of Rochester  
Jenny McCardell, City of Rochester Hills (not voting)  
Martha Olijnyk, Charter Township of Oakland (not voting)  
Kim Russell, City of Rochester  
Donni Steele, Orion Township  
Jeff Stout, Orion Township  
Hank VanAgen, Charter Township of Oakland

Kristen Myers, Trail Manager  
Chris Gray, Assistant Trail Manager

A quorum was present.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Colin Choi, Chairperson  
Henry VanAgen, Vice-Chairperson  
Emily Barkham, Secretary  
Daniel Bukowski, Commissioner  
Cathy Rooney, Commissioner  
Daniel Simon, Commissioner

Melinda Milos-Dale, Director

ABSENT: Craig Blust, Treasurer

A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commissioners, staff and those present stated their Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approval of Agenda by Paint Creek Trailways Commission**

MOVED BY STEELE, SECONDED BY BLANCHARD, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Approval of Agenda by Parks and Recreation Commission**

MOVED BY CHOI, SECONDED BY SIMON, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes by Paint Creek Trailways Commission**

MOVED BY BOYER, SECONDED BY RUSSELL, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017, joint meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Approval of Minutes by Parks and Recreation Commission**

Commissioner Simon referred to page 2, the eighth line up from the bottom of the page, which states, "Weathering steel requires less maintenance than galvanized steel." The Commissioners agreed that the weathering steel actually requires more maintenance than galvanized steel. Mr. Mikolajczyk noted that he factored in an additional corrosion allowance to the weathering steel in the event that the maintenance is not performed.

MOVED BY SIMON, SECONDED BY VAN AGEN, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017, meeting with the following change: on page 2 under, "Discussion of Truss Bridge Finish Options and Cost Estimates," the eighth line up from the bottom should be revised to read, "...Weathering steel requires ~~less~~ more maintenance

than galvanized steel. Project Manager Mikolajczyk factored in an additional corrosion allowance to the weathering steel in the event that the maintenance is not performed..."

MOTION CARRIED.

**Acceptance of Change to Minutes**

MOVED BY STEELE, SECONDED BY BOYER, to approve the change to the minutes of December 7, 2017, as approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

MOTION CARRIED (Nay: Ferriolo).

Commissioner Ferriolo explained that he is in favor of a video archive, which says what it says.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present who wanted to comment on an item not already on this evening's agenda.

**PRESENTATION OF FINAL DESIGN FOR BRIDGE 33.7 AND STATUS OF PERMIT APPLICATION**

Trail Manager Myers stated that the project is moving along well. There were several changes since the last meeting that have brought the cost down.

Project Manager Mikolajczyk updated the Commissions on the status of the various reviews. The State Historic Preservation Office has indicated that the project will not affect an historic property, and they will not require any further investigation unless something exceptional is discovered during the excavation/construction process. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has granted preliminary approval. However, they are requiring that the area be surveyed for spotted turtles, and that the turtles be removed from the site and a barrier installed to prevent them from reentering the area. We are still waiting on comments from the MNRTF and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Mr. Mikolajczyk continued that the plans are essentially complete, and he only anticipates adding to or changing them as necessary based on comments received from the reviewing entities. He invited the Commissioners to review the plans and convey any comments to him as soon as possible.

Regarding the timeline for the project, he said we will most likely be able to let bids in May. He does not foresee any problems with meeting deadlines, but it was noted that the abutments must be completed by October so that we are not working within the waterway after that time.

Trail Manager Myers noted that neighbor Martin McClure has received a copy of the plans. Project Manager Mikolajczyk has spoken with him, and believes he has addressed his concerns.

Commissioner Russell inquired who is considered the “owner” (there are statements in the document regarding notice being given to the “owner”). Mr. Mikolajczyk explained that the Paint Creek Trailways Commission has given permission to the Road Commission for Oakland County to construct the bridge, and they are considered the “owner” for purposes of this agreement.

Mr. Mikolajczyk next referred to a document entitled “Prefabricated Steel Trusts Pedestrian Bridge,” which sets forth the provisions for the bridge (such as style, steel specifications, timber decking, railings, etc.). Commissioner Blanchard said he does not like the look of the railings and will be voting against the design. He feels that the wood railings are too close in color to the color of the steel structure, and that they detract from the structure. Mr. Mikolajczyk said he understands Mr. Blanchard’s concerns. An alternate would be to have painted steel railings, but he noted that this would require periodic maintenance (repainting), while the wood railings would have a 75 year life expectancy. PRC Commissioner Choi was concerned that the steel railings would make the overall project too costly. Project Manager Mikolajczyk said he feels there is not much time to make changes to be able to include this in the bid packet. However, he proposed that this could be handled as a change order with the contractor after the project is awarded. After further discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Mikolajczyk should look into alternate designs for the railings.

### **ENGINEER’S FINAL COST ESTIMATE FOR BRIDGE 33.7**

Project Manager Mikolajczyk reviewed the “Engineer’s Opinion of Costs.” He noted that tree removals will need to be accomplished during the winter. Commissioner Russell questioned what “live stakes” are; Mr. Mikolajczyk explained that this refers to plantings to help stabilize riprap.

Parks and Recreation Director Milos-Dale next reviewed the cost estimate as compared with the budgeted amounts. She was very pleased that we are very close to the budgeted amounts.

### **FINAL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

In response to a question from Commissioner Steele, Mr. Mikolajczyk responded that the cost to remove the existing bridge is included in this budget.

**APPROVAL BY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

MOVED BY BARKHAM, SECONDED BY SIMON, to accept the final design and cost estimate for the Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 Renovation, and to continue the bidding process for construction.

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL BY PAINT CREEK TRAILWAYS COMMISSION**

MOVED BY STOUT, SECONDED BY BOWYER, to accept the final design and cost estimate for the Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 Renovation, and to continue the bidding process for construction.

MOTION CARRIED (Nay: Blanchard).

**OVERVIEW OF NEXT STAGE OF PROCESS**

The preliminary plan review with MDOT is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from the Road Commission, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission, Paint Creek Trailways Commission and any other stakeholders will be present. He reiterated that we are still waiting for the review and comments from the MNRTF. Once these are received, the plans can be finalized and the bid packet prepared for letting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Becker thanked both Commissions for working so well together on this cooperative project. Project Manager Mikolajczyk concurred, and added that he was impressed by the concern shown by the Commissions.

MOVED BY BLANCHARD, SECONDED BY GAMAGE, there being no further business before the Commission, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY VAN AGEN, SECONDED BY BARKHAM, there being no further business before the Commission, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid R. Kliffel  
Recording Secretary