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2018 Summary of Events and Accomplishments

The Commission approved Temporary Use Permits for the following events:

- Run Michigan Cheap – April 23, April 29, May 19, 2018 – (Admin Approval)
- Cruisin' for the Trails – Motor City Brew Tours – May 5, 2018 (Admin Approval)
- Hometown Hustle – RCS Foundation – May 12, 2018 (Admin Approval)
- Michigan Nature Association 5K Run – June 30, 2018 (Admin Approval)
- Orion Arts Center Dragon on the Lake 5k – August 25, 2018 (Approval)
- Gears and Beers Benefit for Jenna Kast Foundation – Sept 8, 2018 (Admin Approval)
- CCC – A Mother's Wish 5K Run – September 15, 2018 (Admin approval)
- Crossroads Walkathon – September 22, 2018 (Admin approval)
- MI Adventure Club – Fall Challenge Race – September 23, 2017 (Approval)
- Brooksie Way – September 24, 2018 (Approval)
- Orion Fire Fighter's Association – 5K – September 29, 2018 (Approval)

January

The Commission discussed goals and objectives for 2017, including the impact of the Bridge 33.7 project.

The Commission approved the nominations and elected the Paint Creek Trailways Commission Officer positions.

The Commission discussed & approved Ad-Hoc Committee appointments.

The Commission discussed Class 1 Electric bicycle use on the Trail.

February

The Commission approved the 2017 Financial Audit.

The Commission discussed the Cider Mill Gateway Project/Moutrie Project.

The Commission received an update from the Limited Use Permit Ad-Hoc Committee.

March

The Commission approved Resolution #2018-001 in support of Oakland Township's application to Michigan Natural Trust Fund for the Paint Creek Junction along the trail.

The Commission held a public hearing for Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 Electric Bikes on the Paint Creek Trail.

The Commission received a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee and discussed the Village of Lake Orion Extension.

April

The Commission approved the Application for Limited Use Permit for Private Access to the Paint Creek Trail.

The Commission approved the use of Class 1 and Class 2 Electric Bicycles on the Paint Creek Trail.

The Commission approved Resolution #2018-002 to recognize the Village of Lake Orion as a Paint Creek Trail Community.

The Commission approved the communication plan and the 2018 Paint Creek Trail newsletter to be sent to neighbors along the trail.

The Commission approved plans for the 2018 National Trails Day Recognition Ceremony held on June 2, 2018.

May

The Commission received an update on the Bridge 33.7 Renovation Bid Letting. The bids received were higher than anticipated, the Commission voted to reject the lowest bid.

The Commission approved the Limited Use Permit Application and Procedures.

The Commission approved the Iron Belle Trail Grant project agreement and agreed to the Department of Natural Resources Memorandum of Understanding.

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail held the 6th Annual "Cruisin' for the Trails" fundraiser by Motor City Brew Tours. The event was a success and raised \$5,000.00 for Paint Creek Trail improvements.

The Commission approved the Labor Day Virtual Bridge Walk and Run, with Commissioners providing event support, sponsor development, and volunteer recruitment services.

Ms. Meyers provided an update of the National Trails Day Recognition Ceremony to be held on June 2, 2018.

June

The Commission approved the hiring of Dan Butterworth as part time seasonal Bike Patroller.

The Commission approved the establishment of a speed limit of 15mph on the Paint Creek Trail.

The Village of Lake Orion ad-hoc committee continued making progress on recommendations for the Village's potential voting membership on the Paint Creek Trailways Commission.

The Commission and staff made a site visit to the Cider Mill Gateway Project site, to receive an overview of proposed plans for development of the site.

The Commission had a joint special meeting with Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the Bridge 33.7 project bids.

July

Ms. Meyers gave an update on the development of property on Letica Drive in Rochester and proposed trailhead improvements on the Clinton River Trail near the Paint Creek Trail SE Rochester property.

Ms. Myers announced her resignation as Trail Manager. The Commission discussed filling the Trail Manager and Recording Secretary positions.

August

The Commission received an update from the Personnel Ad Hoc Committee.

The Commission discussed an area of the trail near Bridge 33.7, which has been experiencing a void below the surface.

The Commission approved a Limited Use Access Permit request.

September

The 13th annual "Paint Creek Trail Virtual Bridge Walk" was held on Labor Day (Sept 3) with approximately 400 participants and volunteers. \$1,500 was raised through the suggested donation program towards bridge replacement project expenses.

The Commission received an update on Resurfacing from Mannik Smith Group.

The Commission received an update from the Personnel Ad Hoc Committee.

The Commission had a joint special meeting with Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission approved a revision option and design engineering costs for rebidding Bridge 33.7.

October

The Commission introduced and welcomed Melissa Ford as the new Paint Creek Trail Manager.

The Commission discussed the 2019 draft budget.

A third “Adopt-A-Trail” workday weekend was held, with 8 groups cleaning up various sections of the trail.

November

The Commission approved the 2019 Trailways budget.

The Commission discussed the Oakland County Sheriff’s Mounted Patrol Contract.

The Commission discussed the Engineer’s Opinion of Costs for the Trail Resurfacing project to be completed in 2019.

The Commission passed a motion to reduce the number of Paint Creek Trailways Commission meetings per year to ten.

December

The Commission maintained a positive social media presence with 5,828 Facebook followers, (an increase of 143 since September 2018), 409 Instagram followers, (an increase of 68 since September 2018) and 653 Twitter followers, (an increase of 20 since September 2018).