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2019 Summary of Events and Accomplishments

The Commission approved Temporary Use Permits for the following events:

- Run Michigan Cheap – March 24, Sept. 15, 2019 – (Admin Approval)
- RARA Earth Day 5k Fun Run – April 28, 2019 (Admin Approval)
- Hometown Hustle – RCS Foundation – May 11, 2019 (Admin Approval)
- Orion Veterans Memorial Day 5k – May 27, 2019 (Approval)
- Orion Arts Center Dragon on the Lake 5k – August 24, 2019 (Admin Approval)
- CCC – FARA 5K Run – September 21, 2019 (Admin Approval)
- Brooksie Way – September 22, 2019 (Admin Approval)

January

No January meeting held.

February

The Commission approved the request for bids for trail resurfacing.

Trail Manager Ford informed the Commission the RFP has been posted for the Master Recreation Plan update.

The Commission discussed an updated Trail User Survey.

The Commission set Ad Hoc Committee assignments.

The Commission discussed 2019 goals and objectives.

The Commission accepted and approved the bid from C.A. Hull for the Renovation of Bridge 33.7.
The Michigan Department of Transportation approved the bid.

The Commission approved the construction administration cost presented by Mannik Smith Group for the Renovation of Bridge 33.7.

March

The Commission approved the formation of an Advisory Committee for the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester. The committee is comprised of the four officers of the Commission.

The Commission approved an Adopt-A-Trail signage fee.

The Commission approved awarding Giffels Webster the Recreation Master Plan Planning Services contract.

The Commission discussed the Administrative Structure draft section of the Recreation Master Plan.

The Commission discussed a potential Cider Mill Gateway and Tienken Educational side path.

April

The Commission Chair executed the Recreation Master Plan Planning Services agreement with Giffels Webster.

The Commission discussed the draft Administrative Structure section of the Recreation Master Plan.

The Commission approved the Engineer's Opinion of Cost for Resurfacing.

The Commission approved the Resurfacing Project Cost Participation Agreement with Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission received an update from Friends of the Paint Creek President Louis Carrio.

The Commission approved the Transportation Alternatives Program Agreement with Oakland County Road Commission.

The Commission approved the 2019-2021 Mounted Patrol Contract with Oakland County Sherriff's Office.

The Commission approved the 2019 National Trails Day event.

The Commission approved a temporary Oakland Township Historic Commission Bicentennial Sign with a permanent sign to be selected in the future.

The Commission approved the 2019 Goals.

The Commission approved an amended Village of Lake Orion Trail Extension agreement.

May

The Commission received a presentation “Monarch Butterfly and Native Pollinators” from Marilyn Trent of Rochester Pollinators.

The Commission approved to receive and file the 2018 Financial Audit by Mr. Ramie Phillips.

The Commission discussed the draft Recreation Inventory section of the Recreation Master Plan.

The Commission approved posting Interim Manager job description for Trail Manager Ford’s leave.

The Commission met jointly with Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the Bridge 33.7 Renovation project and Resurfacing.

June

The Commission hired Interim Trail Manager, Brian Marzolf.

Trail Manager Ford gave an update on the 2019 National Trails Day event in Lake Orion.

The Commission approved the Request for Proposals for Signage Design Services.

Trail Manager Ford gave an update on the Bridge 33.7 construction project.

The Commission approved the Resurfacing project contract award to WCI with the elimination of the observation deck at the Southeast Rochester Property.

The Commission approved the award for the contract of Resurfacing Construction Administration to Mannik Smith Group.

The Commission approved the postponement of the Labor Day Bridge Walk event due to construction projects on the trail.

July

The Commission approved the East Clarkston Road Pathway Project presented by Orion Township.

The Commission discussed the City of Rochester’s Trailway Setback Ordinance.

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail President, Louis Carrio, gave an update on the plans for the Pollinator Garden to be located in the Rochester Hills portion of the Trail.

The Commission approved the award for Signage Design Services contract to Landscape Architects and Planners.

Trail Manager Ford gave an update on the Bridge 33.7 construction project.

The Commission approved the award of the Trail Resurfacing contract to WCI Contractors, Inc.

The Commission approved Resolution No. 2019-01, Approving and Authorizing an Amendment to a Development Project Agreement.

August

The Commission approved the Limited Use Permit for the East Clarkston Road Pathway Project.

The Commission participated in the Signage Design Orientation Meeting #1 with Mr. Bob Ford, of Landscape Architects and Planners.

The Commission welcomed Commissioner Clara Pinkham, alternate for the City of Rochester Hills.

The Commission approved the Moutrie Pollinator Garden Project and requested the pathway for the garden be completed in conjunction with the resurfacing of the Paint Creek Trail.

Interim Trail Manager Marzolf gave an update on the Bridge 33.7 construction project.

The Resurfacing pre-construction meeting was held with the resurfacing contractor and trail staff.

September

The Commission approved two contracts for the landscape and hardscape of the Moutrie Pollinator Garden.

The Commission approved attorney Lisa Hamameh for legal representation of the Trailways Commission.

The Commission discussed slope restoration and gap fencing on the Bridge 33.7 construction project.

October

The Commission participated in the Signage Design Stakeholder meeting with Bob Ford of Landscape Architects and Planners.

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail President Louis Carrio gave an update on the Moutrie Pollinator Garden project.

Trail Manager Ford presented the 2020 Draft Budget.

Trail Manager Ford gave an update on the Recreation Master Plan User Survey and Stakeholder Open House.

The Commission discussed the Recreation Master Plan Planning and Public Input Process draft chapter.

The Commission approved a change order to the Resurfacing contract for the replacement of stairs at Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve.

November

The Commission approved the Signage Design provided by Landscape Architects and Planners.

The Commission discussed the contract with the Oakland County Sheriff Mounted Patrol.

The Commission approved the purchase of a computer and software for the Trail office.

The Commission discussed the Bridge 33.7 construction project and approved the purchase of an audio sign for the site.

The Commission approved the proposed 2020 budget.

The Commission discussed the Goals & Objectives, Action Plan and Capital Improvement Schedule of the Recreation Master Plan.

The Commission discussed the Master Plan Public Hearing and tentatively chose the date of January 7, 2020 for the Public Hearing.

December

The Commission maintained a positive social media presence with 6570 Facebook followers, (an increase of 77 since September 2019), 693 Instagram followers, (an increase of 23 since September 2019) and 734 Twitter followers, (an increase of 101 since September 2019).

The Commission approved a final amended budget of \$99,555.00