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## **2020 Summary of Events and Accomplishments**

The Commission approved Temporary Use Permits for the following events:

- RARA Earth Day 5k Fun Run – June 27, 2020 (Admin Approval, cancelled due to Covid-19)
- Orion Veterans Memorial Day 5k – May 25, 2020 (Admin Approval, virtual due to Covid-19)
- Hometown Hustle – RCS Foundation – May 9, 2020 (Admin Approval, cancelled due to Covid-19)
- Run Michigan Cheap 5k, 10K, Half Marathon – April 26, 2020 (Admin Approval, cancelled due to Covid-19)
- Love N Light Productions Lake Orion High School Senior Recognition signs – (Approval)
- Run Michigan Cheap 5k, 10k, Half Marathon – July 12, 2020 (Admin Approval)
- Cruisin' For the Trails 2020 – Charity Bike Ride (Admin Approval, cancelled due to Covid-19)
- CCC – Cardinal Wishes 5K – September 19, 2020 (Admin Approval)
- Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Fall Family Walk – October 11, 2020 (Admin Approval)

### **January**

The Commission held a Public Hearing for the 2020-2024 Paint Creek Trailways Commission Master Plan.

The Commission approved the recommendation of the Branding and Signage Subcommittee to contract with Rochester Sign Shop for new trail gateway, kiosk and wayfinding signage.

The Commission approved a Bridge 33.7 Construction Administration Change Order with Mannik Smith Group for the installation of timber approach railings at Bridge 33.7.

### **February**

The Commission recognized former Trail Manager Kristen Myers with a Resolution of Appreciation, a commemorative boxed railroad spike and a gift for her 18 years of service to the Commission.

The Commission approved the Resolution of Adoption #2021-001 for the 2020-2024 Paint Creek Trail Recreation Master Plan.

The Commission approved Resolution #2020-002, an Amendment to A Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources extending the grant completion date.

The Commission approved the acceptance of a contract with Rochester Sign Shop to provide new gateway, kiosk and wayfinding signage.

The Commission approved as 2020 Officers of the Commission: Rock Blanchard, Chairman; Donni Steele, Vice Chair; Martha Olijnyk, Treasurer and David Becker, Secretary.

The Commission discussed Ad Hoc Committee assignments and 2020 Goals.

## **March**

The March 2020 Commission meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19.

## **April**

Meeting virtually, the Commission approved the March and April 2020 invoices as the March meeting was cancelled.

The Commission approved stake signage promoting Social Distancing due to Covid-19 along the trail.

The Commission discussed an Eagle Scout kiosk replacement project.

The Commission approved a Temporary Permit for Love N Light Productions and the Lake Orion Sign Shop for display of Lake Orion High School senior students along the Lake Orion section of the trail.

Louis Carrio, President of the Friends of the Paint Creek Trail, provided an update of the Moutrie Pollinator Garden progress.

Manager Ford informed the Commission the Michigan Department of Natural Resources instituted a spending freeze affecting the Commission's Iron Belle Signage Grant.

The Commission received comments from Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Director, Mindy Milos Dale concerning the Paint Creek Junction Project in the Oakland Township section of the trail and discussed partial funding from the balance of Ralph C. Wilson Foundation grant funds.

The Commission discussed trail surface concerns and ongoing maintenance of the trail surface.

In light of the health issues with Covid-19, the Commission discussed 2020 trail events.

## **May**

Meeting virtually, approved an Eagle Scout Project replacing the kiosk at the Clarkston/Kern parking lot.

The Commission discussed a Limited Access Permit application in the Oakland Township section of the trail.

The Commission approved the acceptance of guidelines put forth by Manager Ford for the Bike Patroller and agreed restrooms and water stations will remain closed due to Covid-19 health concerns until further notice.

The Commission approved the Moutrie Pollinator Garden project along the trail in the Rochester Hills section of the trail.

The Commission approved the Signage Project text for the new kiosk signs.

The Commission approved use of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation funds for design and construction of stairs at Bridge 33.7, resurfacing of Dutton and Gallagher parking lots, signage costs and contribution to Oakland Township Parks Paint Creek Junction project.

The Commission discussed 2020 trail events in regards to Covid-19 health concerns.

The Commission approved a virtual June 2020 meeting.

## **June**

Meeting virtually, the Commission discussed and denied a Limited Access Permit request in the Oakland Township section of the trail.

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

The Commission approved a change order to the Mannik Smith Group contract for resurfacing field inspection and project administration.

The Commission discussed the 2021 budget.

The Commission discussed the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk and trail events in regards to Covid-19 health concerns.

The Commission discussed the Paint Creek Cider Mill Covid-19 screening procedures and continuation of remote staff work.

## **July**

Meeting remotely, the Commission approved the replacement of the Gallagher kiosk as an Eagle Scout project.

The Commission discussed the Bridge 33.7 stair design, approving a preliminary design.

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail President, Louis Carrio, gave an update on the Moutrie Pollinator Garden progress, the Commission discussed signage and the Commission approved up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a split rail fence at the garden.

The Commission approved the contract with WCI Contractors, Inc. for the resurfacing of parking lots at Dutton Road and Gallagher Road.

The Commission approved Resolution #2020-003 Authorizing an Amendment to a Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources extending the grant completion date.

The Commission approved an Addendum to the Temporary Use Permit application.

The Commission approved the 2019 Financial Audit and submission to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The Commission supported a Bridge Bingo game designed by Manager Ford in lieu of the 2020 Labor Day Bridge Walk.

The Commission discussed trail staff scheduling in light of Covid-19 health concerns.

## **August**

Meeting virtually, the Commission approved a project of Paint Creek Habitat Restoration by the Vanguard Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The Commission discussed fencing at the Dillman & Upton property in the Rochester section of the trail.

The Commission approved the stairway design at Bridge 33.7.

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail President, Louis Carrio, provided an update on signage plans at the Moutrie Garden. The Commission approved installation of a split rail fence outside the boulders bordering the fence and staining of the fence as selected by Friends of the Paint Creek Trail.

## **September**

Meeting virtually, the Commission coordinated with licensee Dillman & Upton for plans to repair a fence within the trail right-of-way.

The Commission approved the educational signage for the Moutrie Pollinator Garden.

## **October**

Meeting remotely, the Commission approved installing safety measures at the Moutrie Pollinator Garden.

The Commission approved Resolution #2020-004, an Amendment to A Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources extending the grant completion date.

The Commission approved LJ Construction, Inc. for the stair construction project at Bridge 33.7.

The Commission approved the use of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Iron Belle Challenge Grant funds.

The Commission approved an updated Trailways Commission Purchasing Policy.

Manager Ford presented the 2021 Draft Budget to the Commission.

## **November**

Manager Ford attended the Van Tassel Pedestrian Bridge Dedication Ceremony celebrating the extension connecting the Paint Creek Trail and the Polly Ann Trail.

Meeting virtually, the Commission discussed and denied a Limited Access Use Permit in the Oakland Township section of the Trail.

The Commission approved an Eagle Scout Project replacing of the kiosk at Ludlow Road.

The Commission discussed wayfinding signage locations for the Paint Creek Trail Signage Project.

The Commission approved the proposed 2021 budget.

The Commission discussed and approved Oakland Township staff providing services of field survey, inspection and project management for the stair project at Bridge 33.7.

Manager Ford announced the Paint Creek Trailways Commission award of the Oakland Together Cultural Institution COVID-19 Support Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

The Commission approved Rochester Sign Shop managing installation of new trail signs.

The Commission discussed Citizen Representation on the Paint Creek Trailways Commission.

Manager Ford announced the trail has been selected as a host for the Detroit Institute of Art's 2021 season of the Inside Out installation providing high-quality reproductions from the DIA's collection to outdoor venues throughout metro Detroit.

## **December**

The Commission maintained a positive social media presence with 7,332 Facebook followers, (an increase of 762 since December 2019), 1,195 Instagram followers, (an increase of 502 since December 2019) and 793 Twitter followers, (an increase of 59 since December 2019).

The Commission approved a final amended budget of \$149,441.00