

**OAKLAND COUNTY
TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (OTAC)
March 22, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Trails Advisory Council Chair Kristen Myers at 9:09 a.m. in the commission room of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission's administration building.

PRESENT:

Kristen Myers, Marge Gatliff, Kristen Wiltfang, David Burley, Sharon Greene, Merle Richmond, Jeff Edwards, Melinda Hill, Amy Murray, Leah Groya, Amy Ploof, Merle Richmond, Sue Wells, Brian Blaesing, Tim Phillips, Jenny Frederick, Dan Stencil, Lois Golden, Brian Marzolf

MINUTES:

Moved by Dave Burley seconded by Brian Blaesing, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2006 meeting as amended. The motion passed on voice vote.

TRAIL NETWORK UPDATE:

- **Paint Creek Trail** - The proposed surveys for the trail will be done during the next few months.
- **Clinton River Trail** - is up-dating their map information and is doing a map distribution box project with an Eagle Scout. WAM crews will assist with the annual trail clean up on March 28.
- **West Bloomfield Trail** - the trail is being consistently used. Reflectors have been put on both sides of the trail bollards for safety.
- **Headwaters Trail** Dot Lalone reported that they are working on the organizing the 2006 canoe race and annual clean up.
- **The Polly Ann Trail** - Lois Golden reported that work on their trail's bridge construction has been stopped until additional funding can be appropriated. They are experiencing a \$110,000 shortage.

PRESENTATION: BRIAN MARZOLF - TRAIL SIGANCE

Brian Marzlof gave a presentation on signage selected for the Clinton River Trail. Five types of signs were used: 1) trail head sign made of stone and metal, 2) brown reflective sign listing park/trails rules at major entry points and points of interest, 3) 24" x 30" metal signs for road crossings, 4) directional signs on light posts, and 5) cement signs with historical information (near cemetery). Brian will e-mail the specifications for these signs to Marge Gatliff for use by OCTAC.

TRAIL NETWORK COORDINATOR REPORT

Trail Network Coordinator Marge Gatliff gave a brief overview of the last months activities and a list of the events was made available, including the following:

- The 2006 OTAC meeting dates are scheduled with designated guest speakers. The listing was available on the brochure table.

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- April 13 there will be a kick-off for the statewide master plan. Advance registration is required. It will cost \$20 and include brunch.
- Marge Gatliff is representing OTAC in an Oakland County Wellness Initiative. Oakland County Parks and Recreation and Oakland County Health are partnering for this event.
- Marge Gatliff requested that OTAC members submit their information ASAP for any event they would like to have posted on the Oakland County web site.
- Community Foundation Charettes are scheduled for April 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Oakland County Parks and Recreation Administration Building and May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library. Seven counties and the city of Detroit will be hosting charettes.
- The Pontiac Lake Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for March 29 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Oakland County parks and Recreation.
- OTAC has been nominated for recognition by NACPRO.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- On Legislative Day, Jun 13, Michigan Trails and Greenways will partner with MRPA to visit our representatives in Lansing to represent the interests of parks and trails.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMENTS

- A RFP has been released to contract for an assessment of the I-275 path from the existing termination south to the city of Monroe. This is a core study for recommendations to develop a trail up to ASTO standards including a vegetation management plan and soil studies.
- Brian Blaesing suggested that within the next six months OTAC members may wish to add an item to the agenda for OTAC to determine their position on requesting additional feet of paved road shoulders for bikers. If interested, they should make a formal request expressing their position to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). Caution will be required so that it is not mistaken for a passing lane.

The RCOC will be exploring the possibility of expanding the paving of shoulders to three feet to assist in the maintenance of the road. It would be an excellent time to request a change in their policy to pave 4 feet for bike transit. This should be done before the next fiscal year budget is set.

- Merle Richmond announced that last month's Stallion Expo was a success.
- Press releases were made available regarding the recreation opportunities in Oakland County.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2006** in the commission room of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation administration building.

Marge Gatliff, Trail Network Coordinator