



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes

### Leisure Activities Committee

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Monday, July 18, 2005

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Duistermars called the Leisure and Activities Committee meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Jim Duistermars, Steven Swann and Suzanne White

**Absent:** John Dalton and Gerald Robbins

*Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Saran Ahluwalia, Brenton Kinker and Kelley Kosuda*

*Others Present: Alan Buckenmeyer, Parks and Recreation Manager*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*None Presented*

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Chairperson Duistermars passed out invitation for trail ribbon cutting ceremony to Committee members.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**2004-0137**

Discuss Clinton River Trail Bridge and Intersection Improvement Project

*Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry provided updates on the Clinton River Trail noting the following:*

- \* *Clinton River Trail Signs are in place.*
- \* *Oakland County has overhead crosswalk lights working.*
- \* *Pavement has been safety striped.*
- \* *Safety rumble strips are cut and in place.*

- \* *Safety islands are in on both Avon and Livernois roads.*
- \* *Rochester College bridge is complete.*
- \* *Second smaller bridge expansion and improvements all complete.*

### Discussed

2004-0268

Discuss Clinton River Trail Surfacing & Survey

**Attachments:** Update & Survey Form - Parks Dept.pdf; Survey Results - Parks Dept dtd 6-18-04.pdf; Trail Surface Survey Form - FCRT 032204.pdf; Survey Results - FCRT 11-04.pdf; Surfacing Article.pdf

*Mr. Hartner provided updates on Trail resurfacing noting the following:*

- \* *Transportation Bill grant monies may be forthcoming for Clinton River Trail resurfacing.*
- \* *Rochester Hills has requested \$750,000 in grant money.*
- \* *Transportation Bill has been extended several times over the past two (2) years.*
- \* *Concrete, Asphalt and Limestone are practical choices for our climate.*

*Other Choices include:*

- \* *Permeable Concrete*
  - \* *Permeable Asphalt*
  - \* *Limestone*
  - \* *Chip Seal*
  - \* *Asphalt*
  - \* *Wood Chips*
- \* *Community survey has indicated a split on the three (3) choices of asphalt, limestone and stabilized limestone with two-thirds (2/3) of the community wanting something other than asphalt.*
- \* *Trail surface needs to provide a trail surface to Rochester Hills residents that can be utilized by all age groups and all abilities.*
- \* *Cost savings, long-term maintenance, life cycle cost and replacement cost have been considered it has been determined that concrete, asphalt, limestone and stabilized limestone are the best choices.*
- \* **Permeable Concrete** *is environmentally friendly and is a newer option but it is the most costly.*
- \* **Asphalt** *transitions better at road crossings, is plowable in winter, is not dusty, is not slippery when wet and allows roller blades, bikes, walkers and strollers; if you are mobile impaired, it is a reasonably flat, firm, stable, slip resistant surface. Requires less maintenance than a limestone path but does require an outside contractor when maintenance is needed; hard surface gets hot, it is unforgiving with cracks or roots which create possible trip hazards.*
- \* **Limestone** *is slippery and mushy when wet and bikes create ruts; it is dusty when dry and the bike ruts stay; the dust gets into bike gears and on shoes and pets and creates*

a dust cloud that hangs approximately three (3) feet above the trail; limestone is not accessible under all circumstances.

\* **Stabilized Fines** is a soft surface which is easily repaired. Test surface created two (2) winters past showed no wear and tear such as ruts or truck tire tracks. Holds moisture and does not release dust even though it resembles a gravel trail, has limestone durability and is "recharged" every time it gets wet, . Cost has not been determined.

\* It was agreed that no matter what type of surface is used, a good base is necessary to keep maintenance costs down and minimal water damage with freeze and thaws. It was noted that Rochester Hills has a great trail base.

\* Contractor would make sure that there is six (6) inches of good drainage, that water flow runs downhill, that ditches are correct and do culvert replacement.

\* Rochester Hills cost is the surface itself; concrete is the most expensive trail surface with wood chips being the least expensive trail surface.

Mr. Hartner is hoping to send out RFP and have a trail surfacing package by the Fall and begin project over the winter with completion in Spring.

Mr. Duistermars stated his preference in trail surface is stabilized fines.

Committee in consensus with Mr. Hartner's proposal.

### Discussed

2005-0281

Discuss Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**Attachments:** 041805 Resolution of Support 2004-0671.pdf

Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry, stated that McKenna and Associates are helping with the Master Plan with short telephone surveys and by gathering information through workshops, the Hills Herald and public meetings.

Master Plan is projected to be completed by April 2006 due to that being the time to apply for State grants.

### Discussed

## NEW BUSINESS

2005-0437

Referral from Public Safety Committee re: Bike Path Stop Signs

**Attachments:** Referral to LAC.pdf

\* It was mentioned that a resident is concerned with the little signage on bike paths especially at intersections.

- \* *Bike paths are typically along major roads and are controlled by standards.*
  - \* *Suggested to inquire with engineering what the standards are for bike paths.*
  - \* *Adding more signage to the bike paths would create a problem for snow removal.*
  - \* *It was mentioned "end of trail" signs created bike crashes and suits were filed against the City.*
- Mr. Hartner will ask Mark Matich, Engineering Department, to obtain standards.*

**Discussed**

**YOUTH COMMENTS**

*None Presented*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None Presented*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Monday - August 15, 2005*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Duistermars adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.*

*Minutes were prepared by Sue Busam*