



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Prince, Chris Weber, Joe VanDerZanden, Sue Lover, Jamie Palmisano, Maria Taylor

Absent: Bill Gessaman, Heather Davies

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Sue and supported by Jamie, approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, MAY 8, 2024

Motion to approve by Sue and supported by Maria, approved unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. FARMINGTON HILLS MASTER PLAN

i. Draft is completed. See

<https://engage.giffelswebster.com/farmington-hills-master-plan>

Plan is in finished draft format online at above link and available to review.

b. SHARED STREETS FOR ALL GRANT

Chris reported that Heather, Maria, Sue, and he, with later input added by the DDA director, wrote and submitted a grant application for the Mason's Corner pocket park project, with expected response in approximately 3 months.

Funding requirements for the grant match have been met and exceeded recent fundraising for the project.

Start date has delayed to August or September now.

c. TREE TRIMMING ON GRAND RIVER, ORCHARD STREET, AND POWER

Updates provided on needed trimming to clear sidewalks identified at the May meeting. Chuck from DPW said that the trees over by Silver Dairy have now been trimmed. The tree blocking the sidewalk on Power is on private property and reported a notice was sent to the homeowner to trim the tree.

d. CITY PLANS

i. <https://www.farmgov.com/getattachment/Home/Capital-Improvement-Program-2025-2030-Final.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>

ii. <https://www.farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Boards-and-Commissions/Pathways-Committee.aspx>

- iii. <https://www.farmgov.com/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?nodeguid=dc0228ef-4d92-4f11-adc5-eb5c028a5d0c&lang=en-US>

Above links are to city plans that were discussed at the last meeting to so committee members may review.

The city has a proposal to take bids to update the following plans: City Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Downtown Master Plan. Looking to do them all together to have one survey to the community to addressing all three plans.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. HOWELL CROSSWALK DISCUSSION

Rescheduled to the July meeting when Heather is in attendance as she brought up this topic originally.

b. STOCKBRIDGE PUMP TRACK

- i. <https://stockbridgecommunitynews.com/new-pump-track-in-stockbridge-opens-for-bicyclists-and-other-non-motorized-wheel-enthusiasts/>

Tim shared that he visited the recently opened pump track in Stockbridge, Michigan and shared pictures with the Pathways Committee. Tim reported he was impressed by it. This track is bigger than the one the committee visited on Hines Drive, accommodates more people on the track at once and seems appropriate for a wider range of riders of various biking skills and confidence. Accommodates other wheels as well, skate boards, scooters, ect. Tim reported quite a few people were using the track when he visited for a small community. Discussed telling the company working on the parks and rec plan to include surveying community about interest in a pump track.

c. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

- i. Low hanging trees near Grand River and Shiawassee point
Chris reported seeing tree branches overhanging the sidewalk on the westbound side of Grand River impending someone riding a bike and seeming to risk causing her to fall into the street. These tree branches and overgrown plants blocking the sidewalk need trimming.
- ii. 23009 Maple – Bush in need of trimming has grown over the sidewalk making it necessary to move into the grass to get around.

Additional identified areas of blocked sidewalks in need of trimming:

Overgrown bushes blocking much of the sidewalk and tree branch completely blocking sidewalk on east side of Farmington Rd. south of 10 mile. Questioned who is responsible for trees and brush between houses on Farmington Rd. and Le Quinne Ct, determining the property is the back of lot on St. Mary Ct.

An overgrown tree covers most of the sidewalk just north of Stoneybrook Dental. It's growing on the bank of the river, appears likely not part of the business property as the tree is on the riverbank.

32293 Shiawassee overgrown bushes blocking most of the sidewalk.

Chris will give a list to Chuck to see which he can address, but cannot trim on private property. Also planned to ask the city code enforcement officer

to include a reminder to go with the upcoming water bill reminding home owners of responsibility to keep up landscaping and not block sidewalks. Also discussed a separate posting on social media from the city and that issues can be reported to the code enforcement officer.

d. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

Chris reports he talked to the new DPW manager of Farmington Hills and learned they are applying for a grant to begin work on a section of the 9 Mile Pathway to connect from the path along 275 down 9 Mile Rd. to Drake Rd. Discussed partnering with FH on grant and extend path into Farmington to reach Farmington Rd., although FH seems to be trying on their own at the moment.

Chris shared that a student from Roeper High School contacted the city looking to do 10 hours of volunteer work and Chris gave her some work to do for The Pathways Committee. She made a map with listings of land parcels, their owners, and acreage to aid with future pathways planning.

My Salon Suite on Farmington Rd. downtown has several completed suites now and seems to still be filling up. Blueberry Brunch has opened. Maxfield Training Center demolition will begin within a few weeks, with the plans to have laid foundation and cement pads by this fall.

Update on the missing sidewalk flags on the Longacre path from Oakland and to Drakeshire apartments: the homeowners agreed to having the sidewalk flags added.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

There was a question about the status of line painting on Grand River where the lines are extremely faded, which has been scheduled to be completed still this spring.

9. ADJOURNMENT

8:00 PM

Next meeting: JULY 10, 2024