CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

RESOLUTION 2019-28

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE IRON BELLE TRAIL IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti recognizes the importance of providing a range of outdoor recreational opportunities to meet the needs of residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti desires to advance the quality of local recreational opportunities by providing facilities that are universally accessible to residents and guests; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources is promoting the Iron Belle Trail which comprises of a hiking route and bicycling route extending from the far western tip of the Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle in Detroit.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has designated a portion of the hiking trail route to be in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti; and,

WHEREAS, an engineering firm, PEA, Inc, has evaluated several alternate routes for the Iron Belle Trail to run through the Charter Township of Ypsilanti in an alignment study with the purpose of connecting the Washtenaw County portion of the route with the Lower Huron Metropark in Wayne County; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti has held an informational meeting regarding the alignment study at Ypsilanti Township Hall on April 11, 2019 and received feedback from residents regarding the potential routes of the trail; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti supports to further advance the Iron Belle Trail planning and design efforts within the Township; and,

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti endorses the route in the eastern half of the Township which extends south from the intersection of Bridge Road and Grove Road to North Hydro Park, then thru North Hydro Park and back north to Grove Road, then extending east along Grove Road, to the intersection of Grove Road and Rawsonville Roads in Washtenaw County; and, **THEREFORE**, be it further resolved that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti recognizes that as the trail planning and design efforts continue, it may be necessary to make modifications to the route of the trail; and,

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that any deviations from the above described route will brought back before the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees for further review and consideration.

I, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2019-28 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2019.

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Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk Charter Township of Ypsilanti