

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33

2019 CONNECTING COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has a "Connecting Communities" Initiative; and

WHEREAS, this initiative allows communities in Washtenaw County to receive grant funds for local trail projects to connect communities; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Township has an opportunity to invest \$100,000 in engineering design and construction costs to receive an estimated \$210,000 for the construction of a pathway on Huron Street, from S. Huron River Dr. to Joe Hall Dr. through this grant process; and

WHEREAS, there is a continual need to enhance our bike path trail system and provide connections to the Ford Lake/Hydro Park Trails, the Iron Belle Trail System, the City of Ypsilanti and Van Buren Township and safe pedestrian access to key employment centers; and

WHEREAS, applications are due by September 15, 2019 for the 2020 construction year and the award will be made before the end of 2020; and

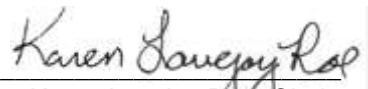
WHEREAS, there are collaborative efforts under way with MDOT, the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation to create a pathway connection between the City and Township over the I-94 overpass to provide safe access to numerous recreation activities along the Huron River and Ford Lake in both communities and the Huron St. pathway is necessary to develop the connections; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost to the Township would not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, plans are underway to budget the \$100,000 funds in the 2020 Budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees approves this expenditure for engineering and construction not to exceed \$100,000 and authorizes signing of the application and any necessary contracts and submittal of the application by the Township for the Connecting Communities Initiative Grant.

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. 2019-33 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2019.



Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti