

RESOLUTION 2022-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OGDEN DUNES, INDIANA TO CLARIFY SUPPORT OF THE MARQUETTE GREENWAY BIKE TRAIL & PROVIDE INPUT ON ITS FINAL LOCATION

Whereas, the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) has received financial commitments from Federal RAISE and State READI grants as well as other private sources to complete The Marquette Greenway bike trail, a long-standing vision to connect Chicago, Illinois by proceeding eastward along the Indiana shoreline of Lake Michigan and continuing on to New Buffalo, Michigan.

Whereas, the Town has previously expressed support for The Marquette Greenway, understanding that it provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to experience the unique and natural wonders of the Indiana Dunes, creates a link and network of commercial districts that will promote and support economic growth, and improves the overall quality of life for those along the trail and throughout the region.

Whereas, the Town has maintained and exercised its right to continue discussions with NIRPC and other participants regarding the development, location, and costs associated with any portion of The Marquette Greenway running through or around the Town of Ogden Dunes.

Whereas, said conversations have generated two possible routes for The Marquette Greenway, one being through the Town on Sand Track Walking Trail, which is town-owned property, and the other by-passing the Town to the south and west, primarily on National Park Service and American Water land and north of the railroad tracks.

Whereas, final determination of the use of State READI grant money must be made and submitted to the State by December 31, 2022.

Whereas, NIRPC has requested the Town clarify its support of the Marquette Greenway and provide input on its final location.

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Town of Ogden Dunes Town Council, that the Town does not support the option to route the Marquette Greenway on Sand Track Walking Trail but does support the alternate path that has been identified and/or any others that do not require a pathway through the Town. In addition, the Town will work with NIRPC and other various stakeholders to identify and address any safety concerns that may surface once the design and location for an alternative route is finalized.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ogden Dunes on this 25 day of December, 2022.



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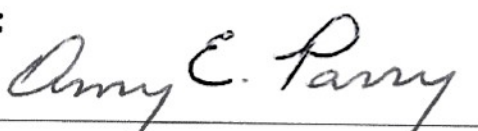


Bernadette Slawinski

Dave Snyder

Absent

ATTEST:



Amy Parry, Clerk-Treasurer