

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by _____

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Committee
Submitted by _____



John Traynor, Parks Manager
Drafted by _____

August 24, 2021
Date Drafted _____

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN ROCK AND WALWORTH COUNTIES ON MAINTENANCE AND
DEVELOPMENT OF THE PELISHEK-TIFFANY TRAIL**

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is desirous of working with Walworth County on the future
 2 maintenance and development of the Pelishek-Tiffany Trail, which extends from the Village of
 3 Clinton in Rock County to its terminus in Walworth County just east of North Road in the Town of
 4 Darien; and,
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 6 **WHEREAS**, this 5.8 mile public recreational trail has been in existence since 1996 and has been
 7 maintained and operated by Rock County and is used for public recreational purposes, such as
 8 hiking, bicycling and snowmobiling; and,
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 10 **WHEREAS**, since 1.2 miles or approximately 20% of the Pelishek-Tiffany Trail are located within
 11 Walworth County, Rock County has approached Walworth County to financially assist with the
 12 annual operation and maintenance costs for this trail on a pro-rata shared basis; and,
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 14 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County pro-rata share of the Pelishek-Tiffany Trail annual operation
 15 and maintenance costs would be \$1,365 continuing in 2022 and would be based annually thereafter
 16 on the actual costs incurred by Rock County for Trail operation and maintenance as pro-rated; and,
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 18 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors adopted a Memorandum of Understanding
 19 (MOU) with Walworth County that specifies the terms and conditions of the future sharing of the
 20 operation and maintenance costs of the Pelishek-Tiffany Trail between the two counties for the
 21 period October 26, 2021, to October 25, 2031, as well as for the future development of the Trail
 22 (see attached).
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 24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors
 25 approves this 23rd day of September, 2021, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 26 with Walworth County for the maintenance and development of the Pelishek-Tiffany Trail and
 27 directs the appropriate County staff to execute this MOU on its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
/s/Rick Richard

Rick Richard, Chair

/s/Mary Mawhinney

Mary Mawhinney, Vice-Chair

/s/Mike Mulligan

Mike Mulligan

/s/Yuri Rashkin

Yuri Rashkin

absent

Bob Yeomans

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
/s/Floyd Finney

Floyd Finney

/s/Dean Paynter

Dean Paynter

/s/Tom Presny

Tom Presny

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 66.0301,
Wis. Stats.

s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

The MOU provides for Walworth County to pay Rock County for the maintenance of the section of
the trail located in Walworth.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

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On September 26, 1995, Rock County used grant funds to purchase 5.8 miles of land beginning in the Town of Clinton in Rock County and ending in Allens Grove in Walworth County. This 100 foot wide corridor, formerly an active railroad line used by Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad Company, was reclaimed as the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail. The Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail is maintained by Rock County and the Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation (PNTF) and it is widely used by snowmobilers during the winter and bikers, pedestrians, and equestrians during the summer.

In April, 2014, the PNTF approached Rock County and Walworth County about improving the mowing and general maintenance of the trail in the 1.2 miles in Walworth County. Beginning in 2015, Walworth County has agreed to contribute an annual amount to improve the maintenance of the trail within their borders. The initial amount will be \$1,365, but it will be reexamined each year and submitted to Walworth County by July 1st for their consideration.

The original agreement between Rock and Walworth Counties is set to expire on October 25th, 2021. Both counties have agreed that they would like to renew this agreement for ten years with Rock County continuing maintenance for both counties. I would recommend that we continue this agreement for the next ten years like stated in the resolution.