

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator
INITIATED BY



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SUBMITTED BY

July 2, 2014

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APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WALWORTH COUNTY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PELISHEK TIFFANY NATURE TRAIL

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County used grants to acquire 5.8 miles of land that were formerly a railroad line and
- 2 converted them to a nature trail; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail extends from Clinton in Rock County to Allens Grove in
- 5 Walworth County; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, Rock County currently maintains the nature trail with assistance from the Pelishek Nature
- 8 Trail Foundation (PNTF), a group of local residents; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and the PNTF approached Walworth County about improving the maintenance
- 11 of the 1.2 miles of trail in Walworth County; and,
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, Walworth County has agreed to contribute a yearly amount to improve trail maintenance,
- 14 beginning with \$1,300 in 2015.
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- 16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 17 this 14 day of August, 2014 does hereby approve a memorandum of understanding with
- 18 Walworth County to improve maintenance on the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail.

14-8A-086

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

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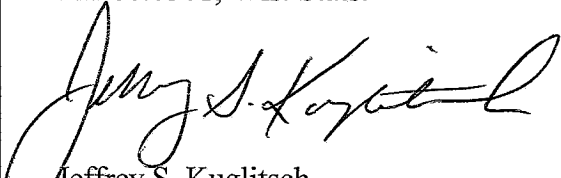
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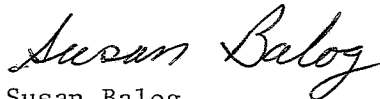
The County is authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to sec. 59.01, 59.51 and 66.0301, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
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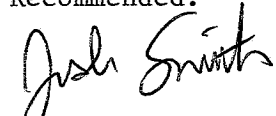
This resolution authorizes acceptance of a yearly contribution of \$1,300 from Walworth County. This will help offset our costs from improving the maintenance of this portion of the trail. The contribution will be included in the 2015 Parks budget.



Susan Balog
Sr. Accountant/Assistant to Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 \$1,300, but it will be reexamined each year and submitted to Walworth County by July 1st for their consideration.