

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 26 (2019/20)**

Re: **Requesting Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Stewardship Local Assistance Grant for Extension of Old Plank Road Trail**

**WHEREAS**, Sheboygan County is interested in extending the Old Plank Road Trail along State Highway 23 from the current western terminus further west by approximately four (4) miles to the county line, and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation commenced the State Highway 23 construction project in 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the State Highway 23 construction project, the grading and structure work along with the required real estate for the trail extension will be provided by the State at no cost to Sheboygan County, and

**WHEREAS**, Sheboygan County will be responsible for paving the trail along with the installation of the appropriate gravel base, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 Sheboygan County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation entered into an agreement outlining the above responsibilities, and

**WHEREAS**, Fond du Lac County entered into a similar agreement with the State and is planning to pave their portion of the trail in 2022/2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the extension of the Old Plank Road Trail will have positive tourism, recreational, and transportation benefits for the region, and

**WHEREAS**, financial aid through the Stewardship Grant is required to carry out the proposed trail extension;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheboygan County Board approved the required fifty percent (50%) match for the Stewardship Grant in its Five-Year Capital Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the trail extension is identified in the current Sheboygan County Park and Open Space Plan as well as the Sheboygan County Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sheboygan County Board authorizes Aaron Brault, Planning & Conservation Director, to act on behalf of Sheboygan County to:

- Submit an application to the DNR for financial aid that may be available;
- Submit reimbursement claims along with the necessary supporting documentation within the required timeframes of the funding terms; and
- Sign any documents that may be required herein and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved trail extension.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Sheboygan County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting, and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the DNR or the

National Park Service, as applicable, approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the trail facility.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of February, 2020.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE,  
AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE\***

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Opposed to Introduction:

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Adopted 03/17/2020