

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 08 (2013/14)

Re: **Establishing Roy Sebald Sheboygan River Natural Area**

WHEREAS, Sheboygan County owns a parcel of land of approximately two acres in the City of Sheboygan on the northeast side of the intersection of Taylor Drive and Indiana Avenue, and which fronts on the Sheboygan River, and

WHEREAS, the parcel was originally part of highway land acquisition but subject to setbacks and rights-of-way, the Highway Department no longer is using the parcel, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Sheboygan River natural restoration component of the recent dredging project, the parcel has now evolved into an attraction for flora and fauna with a walking path, a canoe launch, and a fishing access area, and it is likely to become a trailhead for future bicycles and recreational trail expansion, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this parcel be managed as a County Park by the Planning and Resources Department under Chapter 24 of the Sheboygan County Code, and

WHEREAS, much of the impetus for the clean-up and restoration of the Sheboygan River Basin was driven by the efforts of the late Roy W. Sebald, a long-time Sheboygan County conservation leader who served as co-chairperson of the Sheboygan County Water Quality Task Force, and who was active in the leadership of such organizations as the Sheboygan County Conservation Association, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, the Wisconsin Trappers Association, the Izaak Walton League, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and the Ellwood H. May Environmental Park, and

WHEREAS it would be fitting and appropriate that Mr. Sebald's memory be honored by designating the park as the "Roy Sebald Sheboygan River Natural Area;"

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Sheboygan does ordain as follows:

Section 1. **Designation of Lands**. The parcel of land owned by Sheboygan County comprised of approximately two (2) acres located in the City of Sheboygan on the northeast side of the intersection of Taylor Drive and Indiana Avenue, which fronts the Sheboygan River originally acquired as highway land is assigned to the jurisdiction of the Planning, Resources, Agriculture & Extension Committee to be administered by the Planning and Conservation Department as a park to be designated the "Roy Sebald Sheboygan River Natural Area."

Section 2. **Amending Chapter 24.09(2)(c)**. Section 24.09(2)(c) of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

24.04 (2) The parks subject to this Chapter are:

(c) Roy Sebald Sheboygan River Natural Area.

Section 3. **Effective Date**. The herein Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment and publication.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of October, 2013.

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

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Opposed to Introduction:

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