

**Minutes**  
**TCBA Advocacy Committee**  
**March 13, 2019 Meeting**  
**League of Michigan Bicyclists,**  
**410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing, MI**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Attending:** Dale Freeman, Tim Potter, Diana Twede, Steve Leiby, Jeanne Wright, Phil Wells

- I. Call to Order at 6:30
- II. Approval of Agenda – done
- III. Ingham County Trails Millage Update

The committee reviewed and discussed the Ingham County Trails Millage grants that were approved by the Ingham County Commission. See page 3 of the attached Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage Grants for details of which projects were approved and for what amounts.

- IV. Coleman Road Extension Project Update

The committee discussed the project. A February 13<sup>th</sup> briefing on the project held at the East Lansing Department of Public Works was well represented by members of the TCBA Advocacy as well as other TCBA members.

Members expressed their concerns and expressed a preference for having continuous ten-foot multi-use paths along the entire section to allow cyclists and pedestrians to access Coleman Rd without needing to cross part way across. The plans are expected to include a ten-foot path on the north side of the entire extension. The south side of Coleman Road will have an eight-foot-wide non-motorized path spanning most of the extension, but that will stop under Route 127 due to the right-of-way limitations associated with the columns of the bridge.

For more information, check this [East Lansing Info Article](#).

**Action item:** Steve Leiby agreed to ask Kevin Schumacher or Mike Unsworth if one of them would be able to draft a letter supporting the request for multi-use paths on both sides of Coleman Rd and, if possible, bike lanes. If there is not enough room for both the paths and bike lanes, the advocacy group is willing to forgo bike lanes to ensure that both pedestrians and cyclists can safely access the Eastwood Towne Center to the South.

- V. MSU – Lake Lansing Pathway Project Update

Tim Potter shared plans for an extension of the Lansing River Trail through the MSU campus and to Lake Lansing via Meridian Townships existing Interurban Trail. The

first phase of the project will extend the River Trail from Hagadorn Rd to Grand River Ave at the traffic signal near Foods for Living. It will include a trailhead near the corner of Hagadorn and East Shaw Lane, a pedestrian crossing beacon at Hagadorn and a crossing from the south side of the Red Cedar River to the north side near the MSU Community Music School.

Further details about this exciting project can be found at this [East Lansing Info Article Link](#).

#### VI. Bike Film Festival & Bicyclists Happy Hour

Tim Potter shared that Kevin Schumacher is anticipating scheduling the Bike Film Festival in late April or early May.

Regarding Bicyclists Happy Hour, Tim told us that the Mid-Michigan Bicycling Association is hosting an “All Cyclists Social Hour and Silent Auction” at the Loft in downtown Lansing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The event is sponsored by Bike Law and the SPIN bike shop.

Tim also reported that the fundraiser for Yvonne LeFave raised over \$11,000 and had 350 people in attendance.

#### VII. Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Action Team

Diana and Art attended the meeting that discussed DOT’s crash database, and Tim demonstrated how data can be analyzed by location. It includes only bike/vehicle crashes. They’ve added a field for whether the bicyclist is wearing a helmet and are willing to add others.

#### VIII. Regional Bike Share Initiative

Tim reported that MSU is pursuing a sole source micro mobility vendor but does not envision bikes to be included in the contract. They are mostly thinking of e-scooters. This direction has disrupted the regional bike share initiative by taking out the main source of ridership (MSU). Steve expressed his concern about the proliferation of scooters negatively impacting bike safety on campus.

#### IX. Replicating Grand Rapids program “[Driving Change](#)” in Lansing Area

This item was tabled until next meeting.

#### X. One Way to Two Way Street Conversion.

The group discussed the City of Lansing’s plan to convert many of its downtown one-way streets to two-way streets next year. Identified streets include parts of Grand Avenue, Capital Avenue as well as Walnut, Pine, Ottawa, and Allegan Streets. Group

members expressed their concern that these two-way streets plus parking will come at the expense of bike lanes. We agreed to discuss the issue further in April.

XI. Next Meeting: April 10

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS FOR TRAILS AND PARKS  
MILLAGE APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLUTION # 19 – 047**

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners Resolution #18-231 approved a fourth round of applications that would address new construction as identified as regional priority corridors in figure 24 of the Ingham County Trails and Parks Comprehensive Report, and special projects (including blue ways) as well as repairs, rehabilitation, long-term maintenance projects, and small projects; and

WHEREAS, 17 applications that were received from Aurelius Township (1), Delhi Township (1), City of East Lansing (2), City of Lansing (7), Lansing Township (1), Meridian Township (1), Williamston Township(1), Ingham County (2), Village of Dansville (1); and

WHEREAS, after careful review and evaluation of the applications by the Park Commission, the Park Commission submits the following ranking shown in Table A for funding of the below applications.

Table A

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Millage Funds Recommended for Funding</b>	<b>Year Funded</b>
Williamston Township	Red Cedar River Water Trail	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	2019
Lansing (FLRT)	Volunteer Trail Ambassador Coordinator	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	2019
Lansing	Bridge 13	\$86,442.85	\$86,442.85	2019
Lansing Township	Waverly Road Shared Use Path	\$344,750.00	\$344,750.00	2019
Village of Dansville	Dansville Hiking/Walking Trails Plan	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	2019
Lansing	CL-18	\$714,017.94	\$714,017.94	2019-2020
Lansing	CL-15	\$344,042.54	\$344,042.54	2020
Lansing	CL-14	\$100,980.97	\$100,980.97	2020
Meridian Township	MSU to Lake Lansing Connector, Phase 2	\$645,00.00	\$645,000.00	2019-2020
Ingham Co.	Hawk Island Park	\$300,000.18	\$300,000.18	2019-2020
Ingham Co.	Lake Lansing S. Improvements	\$1,040,200.00	\$1,040,200.00	2020

WHEREAS, after careful review and evaluation of the applications the Parks Department respectfully submits the following ranking in Table B for funding of the below applications.

Table B

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Millage Funds Recommended for Funding</b>	<b>Year Funded</b>
Williamston Township	Red Cedar River Water Trail	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	2019
Lansing Township	Waverly Road Shared Use Path	\$344,750.00	\$344,750.00	2019
Meridian Township	MSU to Lake Lansing Connector, Phase 2	\$645,00.00	\$645,000.00	2019-2020
City of Lansing	Trail Connect-Cambridge to Frances Park	\$400,030.00	\$400,030.00	2019-2020
Delhi Township	Holt to Mason, Phase 1	\$3,543,380.00	\$1,000,000.00	2020
City of Lansing	CL-18	\$714,017.94	\$714,017.94	2019-2020
Lansing/(FLRT)	Volunteer Trail Ambassador Coordinator	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	2019
City of Lansing	Bridge 13	\$86,442.85	\$86,442.85	2019
City of Lansing	Bridge CL-15	\$344,042.54	\$344,042.54	2020
City of Lansing	Bridge CL-14	\$100,980.97	\$100,980.97	2020

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby approves entering into contracts with the following entities designated within the below Table     .

FUNDING ALL WITH ONE ALTERNATIVELY FUNDED PROJECT



INGHAM COUNTY TRAILS & PARKS MILLAGE GRANTS

KEY
YES
YES(MULTI)
ALT FUNDING
NO

2019 Amount Available	2019 Total Amount Recommended	Total Available in 2020	Total Amount Recommended 2019-2020
-\$2,525,150.70	\$3,792,956.70	-\$19,806.30	\$6,238,456.00

Score	Project Type	Applicant	Project Title	Grant Request	Fund in 2019	2020 Or Multiple Yrs.	Grant Award 2019	Grant Award 2020
42.07	Special	Williamston	Red Cedar River Water Trail	\$50,000.00	Yes		\$50,000.00	\$0.00
41.21	New	Lansing Township	Waverly Road Shared Use Path	\$344,750.00	Yes		\$344,750.00	\$0.00
38.96	New	Meridian	MSU to Lake Lansing Connector, Phase II	\$645,000.00	Yes		\$645,000.00	\$0.00
33.89	New	City of Lansing	Trail Connect-Cambridge to Frances Park	\$400,030.00		Yes (19-20)	\$200,015.00	\$200,015.00
33.29	New	Delhi	Holt to Mason, Phase I (\$1,000,000)	<del>\$2,542,380.00</del>			\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00
32.54		City of Lansing	Bridges				\$0.00	\$0.00
32.54	Repair	Bridge 18	CL-18-LTE-RC (between Aurelius and Crego)	\$714,017.94		Yes (2020)	\$0.00	\$714,017.94
31.96	Special	FLRT/Col	Volunteer Trail Ambassador/Coordinator	\$15,000.00	Yes		\$15,000.00	\$0.00
31.16		City of Lansing	Bridges-see below breakdown (Total:\$904,978.06)				\$0.00	\$0.00
31.16	Repair	Bridge 13	CL-13	\$86,442.85		Yes (2020)	\$0.00	\$86,442.85
31.16	Repair	Bridge 15	CL-15	\$344,042.54		Yes (2020)	\$0.00	\$344,042.54
31.16	Repair	Bridge 14	CL-14	\$100,980.97		Yes (2020)	\$0.00	\$100,980.97
31.16	Repair	Bridge 31	CL-31	\$373,511.70	Yes	No	\$373,511.70	\$0.00
29.75	New	E. Lansing	NTT-Ped. Connection at Riveria Drive	\$370,796.00	Yes	No	\$370,796.00	\$0.00
29.36	New	E. Lansing	NTT-Ped Connection at Colorado Drive	\$191,684.00	Yes	No	\$191,684.00	\$0.00
28.98	Repair	Ingham Co.	Hawk Island Park	\$548,500.00	Yes		\$548,500.00	
26.21	Special	Dansville	Dansville Hiking/Walking Trails	\$13,500.00	Yes		\$13,500.00	\$0.00
24.86	Repair	Ingham Co.	Lake Lansing S. Improvements	\$1,040,200.00	Yes		\$1,040,200.00	\$0.00
22.64	Special	Aurelius	Glenna Droscha Comm. Park	\$45,118.00	No		\$0.00	\$0.00
			Amount Requested	\$8,826,954.00		TOTAL ASK	\$3,792,956.70	\$2,445,499.30

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 70% limitation on allocation of projected future millage revenue imposed by Resolution 17-275 is hereby waived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all work will be completed within two years from the date the contracts are executed except in the case of projects that are being funded across multiple years, which will be completed in 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if work is not completed within two years due to delay from awaiting other funding sources that an extension may be requested and negotiated and mutually agreed upon between both parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, granting of millage dollars to municipalities may be subject to the acquisition of local or grant match funding awarded when included in the original proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to require the entity to include signage provided by the Ingham County Parks Department referencing the millage funds during the construction phase, a permanent sign to remain on the site in perpetuity post completion of the project as well as wayfinding signage provided by the County if applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the role of the Park Commission is to receive, evaluate, and rate all proposals, and to forward them for consideration to the Board of Commissioners, including for each proposal a description of its primary strengths and weaknesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the decision whether to fund a given project is reserved to the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its intention to allocate sufficient funds in future years to ensure the completion of the Delhi-to-Mason trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

**HUMAN SERVICES: Yeas:** Tennis, Trubac, Sebolt, Morgan, Slaughter, Stivers, Naeyaert  
**Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Approved 02/04/2019**

**FINANCE: Yeas:** Grebner, Tennis, Crenshaw, Polsdofer, Schafer, Maiville  
**Nays:** None **Absent:** Morgan **Approved 2/07/19**