

Rail Trail 2-12-20

### **Project Overview**

-First trail system, phases. This summer, first 1.5 miles will be paved, the rest will be crushed.

-Pertaining northern rail trail.

-Proposed New Trail, have been presenting previous for 3 years.

-Crossing tracks are a safety issue.

-New plan – South Hudson at surface tracks

-New Bridges to railroad, looking to avoid disrupting parking for two homes

-2 owners hesitant over easements; one owner potentially selling soon

### **-Funding Breakdown**

-MDOT TAP – Only available to trails

-MDNR Trust –

-MDNR RTP – recreation trails

**-Can Lowell township apply for \$300k grant?**

-Too late this year-Due April 1<sup>st</sup>; Possible for next year

-Only city can get MDOT Grants-Bridge

-MDOT Grant extension seems likely

-October 1, 2020 need funding and R.O.W. commitments

### **-Property owners along proposed new trails**

-Peter Bonsidk 13393

-Question: What if we need to go in front of the house?

-Answer by Dave Austin: Example in other properties, have given money for alternate parking.

-Paul Conning 13389

-Question: Nervous of vandalism, theft & noise.

-Question about having a fence installed?

-Why not use sidewalk downtown Lowell as trail alternative?

-Response: Federal government requires 10' wide trail & cyclists cannot use sidewalks.

-A fence is possible, and other trail segments have not shown vandalism.

-Increased trail use has been shown to keep vandalism down in areas.

-Question about trail maintenance: It has its own dedicated fund.

Bill Wyrzmirski 11598 Belview Dr

-Question: What is the point of the railroad tracks in areas that aren't used?

-Answer: They hold rail cars, etc.

Bill's wife (didn't get her name, sorry)

-Question: To get on the trails, is there a staging area?

-Answer: Yes, there will be a trail head.

Both are in favor of the trails and are avid trail users.

**-Greg Canfield motions to adopt Resolution XX20.**

**Moved by Mark Anderson.**

**4 yes; 0 no**

**-Treasury Report:**

\$44.96 – 2020 schedule – Lowell Ledger

\$2,685.00 – Audit Services – BHD&T

\$1,400 – Zack's Cleancut Lawn Care

-Motioned by Greg Canfield

-Support by Rich Conrad

4-Yes; 0 no

**-Public Comment:**

-Question: Why can't we start part of the trail now?

-Answer: MDOT wants to move people, needs a complete trail.

**-Greg Canfield motions to adjourn.**

**-Support by Betsy Davidson.**