



Workshop Meeting of the Livonia Town Board
Held at the Livonia Town Hall
Monday, May 24, 2021

Supervisors present: Hass, Hiller, Kuker, Maloney and Pool

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Hammre, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Fiedler and Maintenance Coordinator Berghuis.

The Workshop Meeting came to order at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing proposed options for the Great Northern Trail where there are gaps in Sherburne County owned parcels, and discussion concerning the trail route in Highland Meadows Third Addition development.

GNT: Chairman Hass reviewed the options Sherburne County Public Works Gina Hugo, Parks Coordinator, presented during the Livonia Township March 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Discussion ensued about preferred route and barriers to using the original railroad bed in the gap areas. Several gap area parcels include the railroad bed that bisects a parcel or goes close to or through a building on a lot. Some proposed route options may include the trail adjoining a road with a dedicated trail along the shoulder. The consensus was that the best route would be on the original railroad bed and that Sherburne County should pursue that route with discussions with the landowners. The Board decided to submit 2 recommendations to Sherburne County Public Works Parks and Trails as Recommendation 1 and Recommendation 2.

Hass/Pool unanimous to recommend these GNT route recommendations:

Recommendation # 1) stay on the railroad grade north of the City of Zimmerman to 276th Ave, where the trail turns left to CR 45 where it continues north into Baldwin Township, working with land owners for acquisition of land or securing an easement.

Recommendation #2) follow Sherburne County gap option # 1 (green route) from 273rd Ave north to Baldwin Township on CR 45, again working with land-owners to secure any gap properties or easements on gap properties south of 273rd Ave.

Board Comments:

*Sherburne County Public Works should work with landowners who own the rail bed in this section and negotiate the purchase or easement of the railbed or an alternate short by-pass around existing structures.

*Non-motorized trail restriction on trail going through Livonia Township and preferable to Princeton.

Highland Meadows Third Addition trail location discussion: Hass explained that a property owner has built a garage about 10' from the property line and trail easement on the property adjacent to the north of the Fire Department lot. Discussion followed about changing the easement to avoid having the trail pass so closely to the garage. No action taken.

Discussion about adding gravel to the trail and signs or signs and posts where the trail crosses 272nd Ave to identify the trail and to prevent vehicles from using it for parking. No action taken.

Hass/Pool unanimous to adjourn

The Workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Dated this 28th day of June 2021

Chair or Vice Chair

Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer