

Argentine Township Public Hearing Minutes 02/15/2018

Supervisor Saad called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.

All present were asked to sign in.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Saad welcomed everyone. Saad explained that the purpose of the hearing is to discuss the pathway project and hear comments and get input from the residents regarding the intention of the Argentine Township Board to apply for the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund grant. This grant is to partially fund development of the Argentine Community Pathway described as approximately 2.1 miles of separated-use trail; from Chestnut Way to Haviland Beach Dr.

Board members Present: Hallman, Conner, Saad, and Graves. Absent: Schmidt.

Saad said written comments will be accepted for the next 30 days. Please direct comments regarding the proposed pathway to Clerk Graves @ Argentine Township, 9048 Silver Lake Rd. Linden, Michigan 48451.

Saad opened the Hearing.

Public comment:

Teresa Ciesielski- 9254 Pine Walk Pass- Explained details of the project and sources of funding. Spoke in support of the project.

Russ Ciesielski- Linden Schools Superintendent 7205 Silver Lake Rd. – I support the project.

Ben Cox- 6153 Havedock Dr, Clarkston- I am a science teacher at the school. This will be a safety benefit for the students. Spoke in support of the project.

Victor Lukasavitz 809 E. Rolston Rd- Spoke in Favor. The return on investment will yield a larger return with health, safety, and property values. This has the potential to turn into a 16-mile trail of which Argentine is on the west end of the trail. Submitted a summary of his comments.

Tim Ryan- Read a letter opposing the project from Maurice and Cynthia Ryan. Mr. Ryan left a copy of the letter with the Clerk.

Steve Wagner 7151 Silver Lake Rd.-I am in favor but have a few concerns about trash and security on pathway.

Ed Koledo 4093 Minnetonka- Spoke in favor of the project. The path will be good for Triathlon runners training on a safe path.

Greg Durloc 14051 Hogan Rd.- Spoke in support. This will open opportunities for youth fitness and the safety of runners.

Lynn Behr 8087 Haviland Beach Dr.-As a former teacher, I support this project for safety and because it brings a great asset to our community.

Sarah Settimo 765 S. Bridge St- I am in support of the pathway. I belong to a Biking group and all of our members are in support of this.

John Hartranft 414 Riverside Dr.- Spoke in favor. This is our opportunity to enhance our community and make use of our natural resources.

Greg Badasz 673 E. Rolston Rd. - I support this project because it is beneficial to our students.

Deb Brindle 4380 Ray Rd. - I am the Community Ed Director for Linden Schools. I support the project. This is a great project.

Heather Saad 15495 Pine view Ct. - I am a 19 year resident. I support the project because I am an avid runner. I have to leave the community for recreational activities due to the lack of local places to bicycle and run.

Paul Zieski 9060 Pineview River Dr. - I support the project. I am a Triathlon runner. This will be good for Runners to train safely.

Carrie McKissic 7529 Majestic Woods Dr. - I support the project fully. All of my neighbors support this. I have children that I take biking and running.

Ashton Fowler 12272 Odell – I am a cross country runner. I support this project. I was nearly hit by a distracted driver who was texting while I was running on the road. I am also a Boy Scout Leader. I will see what I can have my troop do about picking up litter on the trail.

Brian Mulanix 7143 W. Rolston Rd. - We own a business in this community. I wholly support this trail project. I have also had to leave the community to use recreation trails in other areas.

Cindy Fowler 12272 Odell Rd. - I am a math teacher and the parent of a runner. I support the project. This pathway will support mindful, respectful safe biking for others. We will have a different vibe in our community.

Annette Walker 12386 Woodhull Landing- I support this pathway.

Lee Kessler 6382 Silver Lake Rd. - This path will go through my front yard. I do support this.

Scott Fowler 12272 Odell Rd. - I am in support of this.

Carol Jankowski 4420 Eleanor- I support this.

Tom Hallman 8000 Windwood Beach Dr. - There is a need for a safe route to schools. This is a plus for our community. I support this project.

Saad read Resolution 2018-1 a resolution of authorization to apply to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund in 2018.

Moved by Saad seconded by Conner to adopt Resolution 2018-1.

Roll call: Conner, yes, Hallman. Yes, Saad, yes Graves, yes. Motion passed.

Hearing adjourned @ 7:44 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor