



City of Tower

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RESOLUTION 2020-022

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ON CITY PROPERTY

Motion by: Rachel Beldo Second By: Sheldon Majerle

WHEREAS, *the City of Tower-Town of Breitung Comprehensive Plan Update 2015* establishes a vision for Tower as "...A place where locals and tourists can enjoy an endless variety of recreation, history, culture, and outdoors activities throughout the year"; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan's Economic, Recreation and Open Space, and Land Use goals include objectives for future trail expansion and connectivity and to protect, preserve, and promote available land for recreational and green space uses to expand recreational opportunities year round; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tower parcels with a County Parcel # of 080-0020-00260 and 080-0020-00270 contain a portion of an old-growth cedar forest; and

WHEREAS, this rare and high-quality forest provides an extraordinary recreation opportunity within the City of Tower. The development of the Ancient Cedars Trail would provide a 1.5-mile loop through a spectacular upland white cedar forest; and

WHEREAS, the trail would demonstrate a cooperative opportunity for three separate landowners (City, St Louis County, and private landowner) to share in a cooperative project for the benefit of local students, residents and visitors within walking distance of town; and

WHEREAS, the cost of building, maintaining, signing, and promoting would be borne by local volunteers, Friends of the Vermilion Country School, the Wagoner Trails Club, and the Tower Economic Development Authority, through grants and volunteer work, with little to no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City parcel is currently zoned O-1 Open Space which allows for use of land for recreation trails (Section 12.01 Permitted Uses include 12.01D. Recreational trails);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TOWER, MINNESOTA as follows:

- 1. By signing this Resolution, Mayor Orlyn Kringstad grants the trail partnership authorization to build and maintain the Ancient Cedars Trail and to execute a written Trail Agreement between the partnership and the City documenting the same.
- 2. The City Council, by adopting this Resolution, approves and authorizes the Mayor's signature.

VOTE	Kringstad	Beldo	Majerle	Shedd	Setterberg
Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>				



Orlyn Kringstad
Mayor

Attested by:



Victoria Ranua
City Clerk/Treasurer