

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-001**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2017-038 ACKNOWLEDGING THE
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS' REJECTION OF A PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENT ALONG MILWAUKEE AVENUE BORDERING THE MELLODY
FARM DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has the power to approve and determine the final plans, specifications and estimates for all State highways; and

WHEREAS, the Department's projects must adequately meet the State's transportation needs, exist in harmony with their surroundings, and add lasting value to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Department must embrace principles of context sensitive design and context sensitive solutions in its policies and procedures for the planning, design, construction, and operation of its projects for new construction, reconstruction, or major expansion of existing transportation facilities by engaging in early and ongoing collaboration with affected citizens, elected officials, interest groups, and other stakeholders to ensure that the values and needs of the affected communities are identified and carefully considered in the development of transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Bicyclist and pedestrian ways must be given full consideration in the planning and development of transportation facilities, including the incorporation of such ways into State plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, The State's complete streets law requires bicyclist and pedestrian ways to be established in or within one mile of an urban area in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility, except in pavement resurfacing projects that do not widen the existing traveled way or do not provide stabilized shoulders, or where approved by the Secretary of Transportation based upon documented safety issues, excessive cost or absence of need; and

WHEREAS, During the development of highway projects throughout the State, the Department gives consideration to accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians on a need-basis; and

WHEREAS, The Department has presented the Village of Vernon Hills, for its consideration, a bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement along Milwaukee Avenue (Illinois Route 21) along the westerly border of the northeast corner of Illinois Route 21 and Illinois Route 60 (Townline Road) intersection; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Vernon Hills adopted Ordinance 2016-045 approving a Planned Unit Development known as Mellody Farm on the northeast corner of Illinois Route 21 and Illinois Route 60 intersection; and

WHEREAS, The Site Plan for Mellody Farm calls for bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvements to be made internal to the site to allow pedestrian or bicycle traffic to travel in a northern or southern direction without the need for bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement along Illinois Route 21.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, follows:

RESOLVED, That the Village of Vernon Hills hereby rejects the Department's proposed bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvements on State right of way and acknowledges that such rejection will result in no bicycle or pedestrian access along eastern side of Milwaukee Avenue adjacent to Melody Farm Development nor will there be bicycle or pedestrian access along the east and south legs at the existing and proposed signalized intersections of Milwaukee Avenue at Melody Farm Main Access Drive/ Hawthorn Access Drive; the east and south legs of Milwaukee Avenue at Melody Farm North Access Drive/ Ring Drive; and at the proposed signalized intersections for the west leg of Town Line Road at Melody Farm Main access Drive/ Rivertree Court Access Drive unless such access is hereafter solely funded and constructed by the Village; and be it further

RESOLVED, That bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvements will be required by the Village to be constructed internally to the property development by the developer and allowing for bicyclists and/or pedestrian traffic to connect to adjacent properties in a manner that is acceptable to the Department; and be if further

RESOLVED, That bicyclist and/or pedestrian access to developments requiring additional crossings of either Milwaukee Avenue or Town Line Road would be considered, but neither the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) nor its agents will ever be required to pay for these bicyclist or pedestrian accommodations with any future IDOT related improvements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Department's Project Engineer associated with the proposal, or his or her equivalent, within the Department along with a drawing illustrating the bicyclist and pedestrian paths to be constructed by the developer of Melody Farm Development within the boundaries of that development.

Dated the 8th of January, 2019

Adopted by roll call votes as follows:

AYES: 5 – Marquardt, Koch, Oppenheim, Byrne, Schultz

NAYS: 0: - None

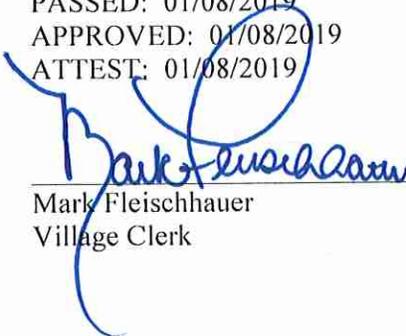
ABSTAIN: 1 - Brown

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Takaoka



Roger L. Byrne
Village President

PASSED: 01/08/2019
APPROVED: 01/08/2019
ATTEST: 01/08/2019



Mark Fleischhauer
Village Clerk

