

## Township of Birch Run

### Resolution #98-4

WHEREAS: Public Act 200 of 1957 allows this municipality to participate, with other municipalities, in an "Intermunicipality Study Committee" to study items of mutual interest and concern; and

WHEREAS: Certain municipalities have identified a mutual common interest in the possible establishment of a trail and pathway from Mt. Morris City to Bridgeport Township; and

WHEREAS: Information is needed with respect to the potential benefits, development and operation costs, availability of Right of Way, and possible organizational structure, and

WHEREAS: The municipalities deem it advisable to retain professional assistance to undertake such study to supplement the knowledge and efforts of staff, now

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Township of Birch Run hereby joins with any other municipality desiring to form the Trolley Line Trail Intermunicipality Study Committee to study related issues of roads, recreation and park activities and formulate recommendations for review and action thereon by the member governing bodies.

2. That the Township of Birch Run does hereby authorize the Township Supervisor to sign a Letter of Cooperation by and between such municipalities as attached hereto and take any and all actions necessary to implement the same.

A motion was made by Cheryl Hadsall seconded by Edward Magnus and thereafter adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Birch Run at a regular meeting held December 8, 1998.

YES: DiBerardino, Henige, Hadsall, Magnus

NO: Johnson, Jankowski, Stewart

ABSENT: None

December 8, 1998

Date

Sheila DiBerardino

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Birch Run Township Clerk

## TROLLEY LINE TRAIL INTERMUNICIPALITY STUDY COMMITTEE

### LETTER OF COOPERATION

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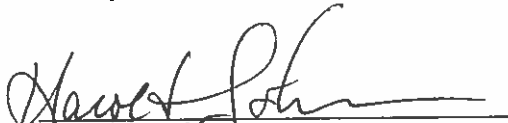
WHEREAS: The municipalities deem it advisable to retain professional assistance to undertake such a study to supplement the collected knowledge and cooperative efforts of staff, now

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Trolley Line Trail Intermunicipality Study Committee is hereby formed to retain said professional services and prepare a report suitable for further consideration of this common interest by the governing bodies.
2. That each municipality shall forthwith appoint one representative and, to act in their absence, one alternate to a Committee to guide these efforts and engage in suitable discussions.
3. That each municipality shall pay an equal fractional share of said study by dividing the total costs by the number of signatories hereto. Said share may not exceed the sum of \$500.00 per municipality. The Committee may, in accord with Section 6 of the Act, accept other gifts and grants of funds to defray its expenses. All such funds and shares shall be paid to one municipality who shall have been selected by the Committee to act as their fiduciary agent.
4. That upon the conclusion of the study and other investigations as shall be deemed appropriate by the Committee, but in no event later than February 15, 1998, it shall issue a report to all signatories stating their findings as to the probable costs of construction and operations, potential benefits and drawbacks, sources of potential funding and possible methods by which the municipalities might continue to cooperate to implement such an effort, assuming the report shall so recommend.
5. That the business of the Committee shall be conducted by rules as they shall

adopt. Actions and resolutions shall be determined by a simple majority of those present at the meetings established to conduct the business of the group but in no event a lesser number of representatives than is the majority of all signatories hereto.

In witness whereof, we, having been duly authorized by our respective governing bodies, do hereby set our hands and seals this 15th day of December, 1998.

  
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Harold Johnson  
Birch Run Township Supervisor

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