

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-038

**A RESOLUTION 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 Melody 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 improvement and acknowledges that such rejection will result in no bicycle or pedestrian access along eastern side of Milwaukee Avenue adjacent to Melody Farm Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a bicyclist and/or pedestrian improvement will be constructed internally to the property development allowing for a bicyclist and/or pedestrian traffic to connect to adjacent properties.

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Project Engineer associated with the proposal, or his or her equivalent, within the Department.

Dated the 5th of April, 2017

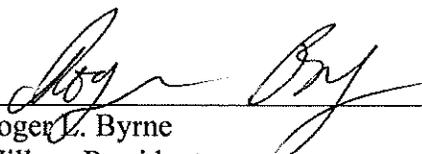
Adopted by roll call votes as follows:

AYES: 6 – Koch, Grieb, Williams, Hebda, Schultz, Marquardt

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None

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Roger L. Byrne
Village President

PASSED: 04/18/2017

APPROVED: 04/18/2017

ATTEST: 04/19/2017



John M. Kalmat
Village Clerk