

## July 6, 2022 Minutes:

US31 Shared Pathway - Trimming, etc. status – Bill Kerby and Connie took pictures of the bike way with interference shown. She recommended that Jake and his crew trim back the scrubs. The Green Book has rules that should be followed. Michigan DOT will be here in two weeks, and they can maybe help us with enforcing line of sight rules. Bikes regularly cross streets without concern for car traffic. Bill Hunsberger suggested that we should again discuss moving the shared pathway back to the railroad right of way. It was suggested that The Trails Council may be willing to pay for this paved bike path. Connie brought out that the cottage owners along the bluff may object. Fernando brought a motion as shown below. Connie seconded. Motion passed. Study the feasibility of moving the shared bike pathway from its current location along US 31 to the railway right of way to include:

- Landscaping to minimize any negative effects to leaseholds and the waterfront.
- Signage for safety and information (private beach, etc.)
- Summary of positive and negative impact
- Input from affected residents
- Permeable surface alternatives

## August 3, 2022 Minutes:

Guests-Top of Michigan Trails Council (TOMTC) · Becca Nelson, Associate Director · Bill Prall, Safety and Maintenance Director Becca gave a history of trails council. She indicated that normally trails are 10' wide and all trails should be trimmed for line of site at intersection. She also indicated that signs indicating entry to Bayview could be provided. Jake asked if signs could be higher. She also discussed that the trail could be relocated to the old RR rite of way. She said that trail usage has gone up to 116,000 per year. Electric bikes are only going to increase in usage. Class 1 bikes are allowed (Petal assist up to 20 MPH). Bill Kerby indicated that costs to convert to the RR rite of way would be about a \$80,000-\$100,000. Connie indicated that per the regulations we would need to be 14' wide or wider. Bill Kerby expressed the concern that if an accident occurred, we might be open to a lawsuit for negligence. Bob Wyatt and Bill Kerby talked to a number of members about trimming hedges, and they incurred a lot of pushback as they have had their hedges for numerous years. Bob discussed the various bike path usage. (Razor scooters, powered wheelchairs, 3-wheel bikes, walkers, etc.) TOMTC recommends that a STOP sign should be installed at the Bayview Inn bike way. Becca told us that funding may be available from multiple sources for moving of the trail. Walt said that in general Bayview and the Trail Console have similar goals and should continue to work together.