

BILL NO. R-17-09-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL
ESTATE: PUFFERBELLY TRAIL – 1
PARCEL - .344 ACRES BETWEEN
COOK AND WALLEN ROAD, FORT
WAYNE, INDIANA, RIGHT-OF-WAY
ACQUISITION – WORK ORDER
#0167R FOR THE CITY OF FORT
WAYNE, BY AND THROUGH THE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne, through its Division of Public Works, desires to acquire property located at Pufferbelly Trail:- 1 Parcel - .344 Acres between Cook and Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Work Order #0167R, and

WHEREAS, an anonymous donor is donating this property to the City of Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, the Donation for the property: Pufferbelly Trail:- 1 Parcel - .344 Acres between Cook and Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Work Order #0167R is submitted to the Common Council for approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

SECTION 1. The acquisition of real estate, by the City of Fort Wayne through its Division of Public Works, located at Pufferbelly Trail:- 1 Parcel - .344 Acres between Cook and Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Work Order #0167R is hereby approved and agreed to. The appropriate officials of the City are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to accomplish said donation.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Carol Helton, City Attorney

DIGEST SHEET

Department: Greenways

Resolution Number: Pufferbelly Trail: Wallen Road to Ludwig Road, Right of Way Acquisition, Work Order 0167R

Title of Resolution: Approval of the acquisition of 1 parcel for the Pufferbelly Trail

Current Property Owner: Anonymous Donor

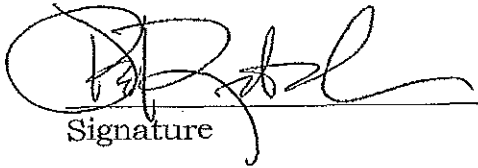
Amount of Acquisition: \$0

Description of Project (Be Specific): The Pufferbelly Trail is the State Visionary Trail from Pokagon State Park in Angola to Ouabache State Park in Bluffton. The City will be constructing the Pufferbelly Trail from Wallen Road to Ludwig Road in 2017 along the former New York Central Railroad corridor. This will be a 1.5 mile extension of the Pufferbelly Trail that already exists from Life Bridge Church to Wallen Road (2.65 miles). Connections include numerous neighborhoods, Northrop High School, Shawnee Middle School, Lincoln Elementary, numerous businesses and Smith Field Airport. The City already owns part of the railroad corridor. Unfortunately, there is a huge ravine on our property that the trail needs to cross with a boardwalk that would cost over \$200,000. We approached a property owner and asked if we could move the trail to his adjacent land to avoid the ravine. This adjacent land is also the former railroad corridor. The property owner is willing to donate the land (0.344 acres between Cook and Wallen Roads) via a quit claim deed to the City, but wishes to remain anonymous.

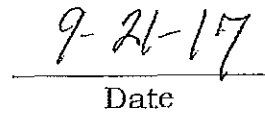
What Are The Implications If Not Approved: We will have to build a \$200,000+ boardwalk to cross a huge ravine on the section of railroad corridor that we already own.

If Prior Approval Is Being Requested, Justify:

Additional Comments:

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Signature

A handwritten date '9-21-17' in black ink, positioned above a horizontal line.

Date

Council Agenda Item Submission Form

Staff Contact: Dawn Ritchie

Division: (Select from Drop-down): Public Works

Department: Transportation Projects

Today's Date: 09/21/2017

Issue: Donation of land by anonymous donor for Pufferbelly Trail: Wallen Road to Ludwig Road,
Work Order Number 0167R

Type of Action: Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☒ Presentation ☐

Anticipated Introduction Date (2nd or 4th Tuesday): 10/10/2017

Presenter: Dawn Ritchie

Is there a requirement for a public hearing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is there a deadline for your final action? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, deadline date: / /

Do you need to meet with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor regarding this issue? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you plan to meet with Councilmembers to educate on issue? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Ritchie, Dawn
