Town of Dryden – March 19, 2020

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZE THE DRYDEN RAIL TRAIL TASK FORCE TO APPLY FOR A TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARKS AND TRAILS GRANT

WHEREAS, the 2005 Town of Dryden Comprehensive Plan and the 2011 Recreation Master

Plan both identified a need for increased outdoor leisure and recreational space; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2016 the Town Board appointed a Rail Trail Task Force made up of

volunteer community members and authorized it to take deliberate steps to develop a Dryden

Rail Trail in the historic Lehigh Valley Railroad corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has made significant progress advancing the trail project including

obtaining easements along its 10.5-mile length, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has obtained a $182,000 matching fund grant from the NYS Office

of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has obtained a $50,000 Tompkins County Tourism Capital Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden has obtained a $1.5M New York State

Transportation Alternatives Program (NYS TAP) grant for construction of a Route 13 crossing

and for trail surfacing, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature, in adopting the 2020 budget allocated funding

for a Municipal Parks and Trails grant opportunity,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dryden authorizes the Dryden Rail Trail

Task Force to apply for

A Tompkins County Municipal Parks and Trails grant, not to exceed $5,000, towards the cost of a trail-crossing plan and highway signage and safety features, to include solar-powered pedestrian-operated signs, at the Game Farm Road crossing of the Dryden Rail Trail.