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**TO:** Township Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Deby Henneman, Township Coordinator

**DATE:** September 11, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TOPIC:** MDNR Grant TF25-0213 Lakelands Trail Zukey Footbridge & Amenities Project – Preliminary Scores and Request for Additional Match Funding  
Number of Supporting Documents: 3

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**Requested Action**

To clarify match for the Lakelands Trail Zukey Footbridge & Amenities Project Grant TF25-0213 in amount of \$80,000 for a 40% match, or \$100,000 for a 50% match, in order to increase the possible points in Section 9 “Applicant Match,” by moving the corresponding Resolution, or to confirm that the match remain as currently approved at \$50,000 or 25% of the proposed total project amount.

**Background**

We have received the preliminary scores for the grant submitted 4/1/25 for the Lakelands Trail Zukey Footbridge & Amenities Project, which is for the bridge behind the “old Carpet Depot building,” on the Lakelands Trail, near the area where the trail crosses the railroad tracks. This bridge needs a complete tear out and re-do and is one of the last bridges along the trail that requires attention. The final bridge that will require repair/replacement is the Huron River Bridge.

This bridge is in poor repair and it has been determined that even if we don’t get this grant, the bridge will need to be replaced. Our Engineer has provided input on the pricing and anticipated design, and we recently had it inspected by the contractor doing our current Manly Bennett park improvements who has concurred the entire bridge needs to be replaced.

It is up to the Board’s discretion if they would like to approve a 40% match for 10 more possible points, or 50% match for 15. I believe with other items we can respond to; a 50% match would help us gain up to an additional 50 points.

**Fiscal Considerations**

Does the agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are funds budgeted? Yes ☒ No ☐

Fiscal year affected: Choose an item.

Is a budget amendment required? Yes ☒ No ☐

General Ledger numbers affected: 101-800.000-674.000