

Mr. Supervisor,

The Public Safety Committee has had several meetings and examined data obtained from other local jurisdictions with trail systems. These include Amherst, Town of Tonawanda and Springville. The data is attached for your review.

The Committee cannot compare the trails in Birdsong and the data to the trails in other jurisdictions because it is not a like comparison, (Apples to apples). The Committee has also heard from citizens during the meetings.

The Committee cannot comment on the points of your letter dated December 11, 2019, without further information:

Does the Erie-Cattaraugus Rail Trail Inc. have a plan?

If so, does the plan indicate the following?

What are the number of users/persons projected to use the trail?

Will snowmobiles/UTV be allowed?

Being private property, under what legal authority will the Police Department have to access the trail to patrol it?

Will access be adequate to allow for a patrol on the trail, or will the Police Department have to access it with Bikes, snowmobiles and or UTV's?

Can you legislate or direct action on private property?

Without the above detailed information, the Committee cannot respond to you request.

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