

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2021-18**

Renaming the Ellis Bike Spur the "Dressler Connector"

Whereas, Charles "Ed" Dressler, a long-time resident of Yellow Springs, is widely recognized as the "Father of the Nation's Largest Paved Trail Network" connecting the Village to much of the Miami Valley region; and

Whereas, in 1974, Ed was hired by Greene County to be its second Parks & Recreation Director and first Executive Director of the Greene County Park District, and during his 22 years of service, Dressler helped acquire more than 900 acres of parkland, developed more than 1,000 acres for outdoor recreation, and connected parks with bikeways and trails; and

Whereas, Ed Dressler was a force who worked with the railroads, state legislators, agencies local landowners and other decision makers, actualizing his transformative vision of turning no-longer used railroad corridors into the paved trails that we enjoy today across Southwest Ohio; and

Whereas, Ed was known for his love of post-it notes for his constant flow of ideas, and he never accepted 'no' as an answer when it came to creating the paved trail network in Greene County and beyond; and

Whereas, Dressler never encountered a hurdle impacting trail development that he couldn't get over; his persistence and his success have inspired many surrounding counties to collaborate in connecting to and expanding the Miami Valley Trail Network; and,

Whereas, Council wishes to honor Ed Dressler's commitment to improving quality of life for Villagers, Ohioans and Visitors, and helping to create healthy, thriving communities around the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. The Ellis Park Bike Spur is hereby officially named the "Dressler Connector" honoring Ed Dressler's devotion and service to his community as reflected by his distinctive record of meaningful actions adding to the vitality of the Village of Yellow Springs, Greene County and the Miami Valley Region.

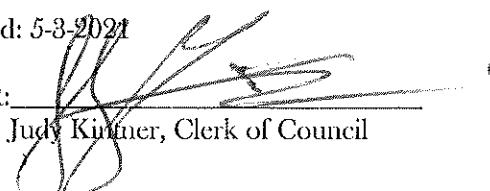
Section 2. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs greatly appreciates Charles Dressler's extensive body of work and his incredible contributions.



Brian K. Housh, President of Council

Passed: 5-3-2021

Attest:



Judy Kirtner, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL: Housh__Y__

MacQueen __Y__

Stokes __Y__

Kreeger__Y__

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