

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 21, 2023
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Red Arrow Park Roller Skating Plan
File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report provides information on Parks' plans for operating Red Arrow Park Ice Rink as a roller-skating facility from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

POLICY

The 2023 Adopted budget included the passage of amendment number 01 which contained the following:

“Funding in the amount of \$32,000 is provided to hire a seasonal ranger and park worker to staff Red Arrow Park five hour per day from May 1 to September 30 to supervise roller skating and preventing damage from unauthorized equipment use. This authorization will also be used to update signage and publicize the new rules.”

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	2023
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	01
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

Related File No's:	22-542, 22-396
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

Park Operations plans on operating the rink for skating on weekdays from noon to 5pm in May 2023. On weekends the rink would be open earlier in the day, likely 9am-5pm. Attendance will be tracked on an hourly basis by Parks employees. If needed, Park Operations would reach out to the Park Rangers to request assistance in this area.

After Memorial Day weekend, Parks will adjust scheduling to be open during periods of higher use and seasonal staffing levels. Information will be posted on the Parks Department website and hours will also be listed on the rink banner. In addition, Parks has issued preliminary approved to three special evening events led by the Downtown BID (BID 21) on June 16, July 21, and August 18. These events will be held from 5pm to 9pm and will include special activities led by the Downtown BID.

To evaluate the condition of the rink, Parks will do a benchmark assessment two weeks prior to the rink opening in May to document the existing condition of the rink. Parks employees will conduct a visual inspection of the rink every two weeks to document any condition changes on the concrete. The full extent of the impact of roller skating on the rink will likely not be known until the rink is prepared for winter operations in early November 2023.

Following the conclusion of the roller-skating season in September, Parks will provide an informational report evaluating this pilot program.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This request aligns with the strategic plan by working to dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities.

FISCAL EFFECT

The report is informational only and there is no fiscal impact.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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None.

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