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Date: October 3, 2016

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Subject: **Request for a WE Energies Permanent Easement for Underground Electric Service within Kern Park – ACTION**

POLICY

Approval of a permanent WE Energies easement in Kern Park to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of an underground electric service.

BACKGROUND

The DPRC utilizes electric services provided by WE Energies. As new park facilities are constructed or existing facilities are upgraded, the DPRC requests that WE Energies provide new electrical service to them. The DPRC has requested WE Energies provide new underground electric service to serve the new restroom building being constructed in Kern Park. When new services are provided, WE Energies requests that the County provide permanent easements to ensure that it has the needed access to install, operate, and maintain their infrastructure within the park.

New services are installed by WE Energies and their contractors, and permission for installation work is granted through the DPRC's Right-of-Entry permit process. Granting permanent easements is necessary for the long-term operation of the utility on DPRC's lands and requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.

RECOMMENDATION

DPRC recommends authority to prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the required documents or perform actions required to grant a permanent easement to WE Energies for the construction, operation and maintenance of an underground electric service within Kern Park. It is further recommended that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute any required documents.

Prepared by: Brad Drefcinski, Landscape Architect III, DPRC



Approved by:


John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

Attachments:

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Electric Service Design and Easement Location

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