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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to accept the donation of a synthetic turf for the Henry Aaron Field in Lincoln Park from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) Real Estate Foundation, Inc., and enter into a one-year Donation Agreement for the period effective August 18, 2015, through June 22, 2016, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) has utilized Henry Aaron Field in Lincoln Park for baseball games and practices for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, this field is also used by numerous high school teams and leagues from Spring through Fall each year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin Real Estate Foundation, Inc. (UW Foundation), on behalf of UWM athletics, has offered to donate a synthetic turf surface for the field; and

WHEREAS, the donation would include the installation of synthetic turf in the infields and bullpen areas; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of the installation of turf include the ability of the surface to recover more quickly after a rain event resulting in fewer cancellations, a reduction in water usage, and a reduction in pesticide/fertilizer use; and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement is one-year; and

WHEREAS, UWM Foundation will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the installation performed; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of September 15, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, to accept the donation of a synthetic turf surface for Henry Aaron Field in Lincoln Park, from the University of WI-Milwaukee Real Estate Foundation, Inc., and to enter into a one-year Donation Agreement for the period effective August 18, 2015, through June 22, 2016.