

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 16, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy D. Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Easement with WE Energies to replace existing electrical service for lighting at Milwaukee County's Henry Aaron Baseball Field in Lincoln Park

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into an easement with WE Energies to replace existing lighting at Milwaukee County's Henry Aaron Baseball Field in Lincoln Park.

POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

Major storm damage in 2015 caused irreparable damage to the 80-foot field lighting poles and lights at Henry Aaron Field. Parks removed all the damaged infrastructure, and installed emergency lighting which has been inadequate to accommodate full rental of the fields.

In 2021, the Adopted Budget allocated \$595,104 for the installation of a new lighting system, which includes a 480 volt 3-phase electrical service installed by WE Energies.

In December 2023, Parks requested that WE Energies provide a new underground service, which requires that WE Energies is granted a permanent easement to install, operate, maintain, repair and replace the new underground utilities serving Aaron Field.

The Easement will impact a 12 foot strip of land, for a total of approximately 7620 square feet or 0.175 acres. Because Parks is requesting the service, WE Energies will not pay any easement fees.

Related File No's:	
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

FISCAL EFFECT

Increase of revenues due to fully functional rental capability of Aaron Field.

TERMS

- The easement is permanent.
- There will be no payment of fees from WE Energies for the easement.
- The easement size is 0.175 Acre

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Attachment

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