

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 30, 2022

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to approve a request by the South Milwaukee School District to renovate a baseball diamond it leases from the County

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to approve a request by the South Milwaukee School District (SMSD) to renovate a baseball diamond on Oak Creek Parkway that it currently leases from Milwaukee County.

**POLICY**

Per Section 32 of the 2002 Lease Agreement, if SMSD wishes to construct any new improvements upon the Leased Premises it must obtain approval from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.

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

**BACKGROUND**

Milwaukee County Parks (Parks) and SMSD have partnered since 1993, for mutually beneficial use of a baseball diamond on Oak Creek Parkway near South Milwaukee High School and additional lands including Rawson Woods. The current lease commenced on February 1, 2002, and recently renewed for another twenty years with the current term ending in 2042 (File No. 22-134).

Per Section 32 of the 2002 Lease Agreement, if SMSD wishes to construct any new improvements on upon the Leased Premises it must obtain approval from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive and all plans must be reviewed and approved by the Parks Department.

SMSD has requested to make improvements to the baseball diamond within the Leased

Premises, including a Synthetic Turf infield. The construction of a synthetic turf infield requires an underdrain system and installation of a new stormwater sewer line, which approval falls within the purview of the County Board and County Executive per the 2002 Lease Agreement.

Parks has done a preliminary review of the plans and is in favor of the improvements, pending final review of all plans, including stormwater plans, which shall be done through the Right of Entry process.

Related File No's:	<a href="#">22-134</a>
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

3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

Improvements to the field benefit the community and there is no cost to Milwaukee County for these improvements or continuing maintenance.

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

None.

### **TERMS**

Work would be completed through Parks Right of Entry process.

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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### **APPROVED BY:**

Guy Smith, Executive Director Milwaukee County Parks *Guy Smith*

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

Fiscal Note

Lease Agreement

Leased Premises Map

Construction Plans

## Aerial Map

### CC:

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