



March Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: February 19, 2020

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Requesting Authorization to Apply for a Greater Milwaukee Foundation Grant to Support Revitalization of Tiefenthaler Park – ACTION**

Issue

Parks requests authorization to apply for a grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to fund improvements to Tiefenthaler Park.

Background

Milwaukee County Parks has worked with the Kellogg PEAK Initiative ("PEAK") to develop a plan for the revitalization of Tiefenthaler Park and the construction of a new community center at the pavilion in that park that would be the long-term home of PEAK's Milwaukee operations. Throughout 2019, a series of public meetings were held to gather feedback from community stakeholders and neighbors regarding the types of improvements that they would like to see in Tiefenthaler. PEAK has agreed to raise \$5 million in private funds to support this project and the majority of these funds are being raised to improve the community center and the surrounding area as well as new amphitheater style seating near the playground. Milwaukee County Parks seeks to leverage this investment with grant funds from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Milwaukee County Parks Fund to improve other areas of the park and complete aspects of the plan to comprehensively rejuvenate the park. Specific uses of these grants fund include:

- Improvements to and regrading work (as needed) for the multi-use fields on the west side of the park along N. 27th Street;
- Upgrade lighting fixtures along walking paths to LED to improve visibility, safety, and sustainability;
- Paving and repairing (as needed) the walking paths throughout the park; and
- Installing new play features and enhancing play areas as funds allow in the current paved area north of the pavilion.



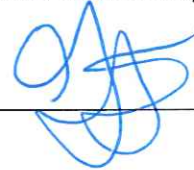
These improvements are included in a schematic design for the park attached here as Attachment 1 – Vision for Tiefenthaler. These types of improvements align with the feedback from the public in seeking to enhance the safety of the park through improved visibility. Encouraging the use of walking paths and the athletic fields also brings a greater diversity of park users in terms of age and promotes park use at different times of day.

Recommendation

Authorize the Milwaukee County Parks Department to submit grant applications for the projects listed above for Greater Milwaukee Foundation Parks Fund funding as well as other grant funding opportunities for which these projects qualify.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks



Attachments:

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Vision for Tiefenthaler

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