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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting retroactive authorization to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements with: Ronald and Lois Fratrack, in the amount of \$100 per year for 8.8 acres of land; Jeff Gassenhuber in the amount of \$2,792 for 38 acres of land; Robert Grove in the amount of \$3,576 for 47.6 acres of land; M A Mainus Farm, LLC, doing business as Joseph Mainus, in the amount of \$9,690 for 116.4 acres of land; John Napientek in the amount of \$13,990 for 171.1 acres of land; and James Roszina in the amount of \$4,083 for 50.3 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021; and with Robert Petzold in the amount of \$2,740 for 33.9 acres of land; and Vincent Schmit in the amount of \$1,530 for 17 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, with two one-year renewal options, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) manages 881 acres of agricultural land for the purpose of growing and harvesting agricultural row-crops, vegetable crops, and hay; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural lands held by DPRC are located within designated primary environmental corridors, as defined by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, keeping these agricultural lands in production deters invasive plant species from overtaking the land; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) adopted File No. 18-690 on October 19, 2018, exploring the possibility of growing and producing industrial hemp at the Mitchell Park Greenhouses and the potential for the County to be a Grow Education Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, the resulting report from File No. 19-344 determined that it would not be feasible at this time for the Mitchell Park Greenhouses to be used for hemp growth or production due to space constrictions and technical requirements that the building does not currently meet; and

WHEREAS, the growth and production of industrial hemp on the 881 acres of agricultural land that the DPRC maintains could keep these lands in production to deter invasive species from taking over the land, reduce soil loss, achieve water quality goals, and protect the natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, the County should evaluate its current policies for the use of its 881 acres of agricultural land; and

47 WHEREAS, each lessee is responsible for working with the DPRC on the  
48 development of a conservation plan specific to their parcels to reduce soil loss, achieve  
49 water quality goals, and protect the natural resource base; and

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51 WHEREAS, the term of each lease is selected based on factors such as the  
52 conservation method, the crop rotation cycle, and the likelihood that the parcel may  
53 cease to be available for farming; and

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55 WHEREAS, rent payments vary due to the size of the parcel, and were  
56 developed based on United States Department of Agriculture and State of Wisconsin  
57 Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection fair market value rates for  
58 southeastern Wisconsin; and

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60 WHEREAS, the following Agricultural Lease Agreements are under  
61 consideration:

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63	<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
64	Ronald and Lois Fratrack	\$100	8.8	3 Years
65	Jeff Gassenhuber	\$2,792	38.0	3 Years
66	Robert Grove	\$3,576	47.6	3 Years
67	Joseph Mainus	\$9,690	116.4	3 Years
68	John Napientek	\$13,990	171.1	3 Years
69	James Roszina	\$4,083	50.3	3 Years
70	Robert Petzold	\$2,740	33.9	1 Year
71				(with two 1-year renewals)
72	Vincent Schmit	\$1,530	17.0	1 Year
73				(with two 1-year renewals)

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77 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of  
78 April 22, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-341 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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80 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
81 hereby authorizes and directs the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and  
82 Culture (DPRC), to retroactively execute Agricultural Lease Agreements with Ronald  
83 and Lois Fratrack, Jeff Gassenhuber, Robert Grove, Joseph Mainus, John Napientek,  
84 James Roszina, Robert Petzold, and Vincent Schmit, for the amounts and terms noted  
85 above, and to prepare, execute, record all documents, and take all actions necessary as  
86 required to execute and implement the 2019 Agricultural Lease Program; and

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88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC shall review its policies for agricultural  
89 leases and provide a report to the County Board six months before issuing the next  
90 solicitation or entering into new agreements or extensions subsequent to action in this  
91 file, 19-341, about the best use for these agricultural lands; and

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93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the report shall include whether or not hemp  
94 growth and production would be feasible for these lands and should also identify any  
95 other Milwaukee County land that may be able to accommodate these agricultural  
96 purposes and hemp production.

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