



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes

### Committee on Parks and Culture

*Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*

*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steve F. Taylor*

*Supervisor Felesia A. Martin*

*Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez*

*Supervisor Jack Eckblad*

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Tuesday, June 4, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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#### HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

#### Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:06 a.m.

**Present** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

Supervisors Juan Miguel Martinez and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - 1**

- 1      [24-50](#)      From the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, providing an informational report regarding financial statements. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-50 JUNE REPORT \(received 05/14/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Dr. Ellen Censky, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (virtually)

The June 2024 Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**WAR MEMORIAL CENTER - 1**

- 2      [24-51](#)      From the Executive Director, War Memorial Center, providing an informational report regarding financial statements. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-51 JUNE REPORT \(received 05/15/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Daniel "Dan" Buttery, President and Chief Executive Officer, War Memorial Center (virtually)

The June 2024 Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**RESOLUTION - 1**

- 3      [24-539](#)      A resolution authorizing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to accept an in-kind donation of an all-weather park bench from the Hales Corners Lions Club

**Sponsors:**      Logsdon

**Attachments:**      [24-539 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-539 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Resolution be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 8**

- 4      [24-506](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks seeking authorization to submit to the grant programs for the Land and Water Conservation Funding Program of up to \$459,000, and, if applicable, to accept a related grant award for recreational improvements to Tiefenthaler Park. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-506 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-506 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-506 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-506 MILWAUKEE PARKS FOUNDATION LETTER OF AGREEMENT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Rebecca Stoner, Executive Director, Milwaukee Parks Foundation, appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 5      [24-510](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to apply for and accept State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Inflation Reduction Act Grant **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-510 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-510 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-510 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-510 POWERPOINT \(06/04/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

**Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)**  
**Sarah Long, Reforestation Coordinator, DPRC**

**Ms. Long provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-510 POWERPOINT (06/04/24)."**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 6      [24-511](#)      The Executive Director of Parks seeking authorization to submit to the grant programs for the Land and Water Conservation Funding Program, and, if applicable, to accept a related grant award. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-511 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-511 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-511 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-511 WISCONSIN AVENUE PARK MASTER PLAN DIAGRAM](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture**

**Damian Buchman, Executive Director, The Ability Center, appeared virtually and spoke in favor of this Action Report.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 7      [24-507](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to execute a temporary easement with Crown Castle LLC to install, operate and maintain an aerial fiber optic line spanning the Milwaukee River in Glendale, Wisconsin.

**Attachments:**      [24-507 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-507 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-507 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-507 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH](#)  
                                  [24-507 AERIAL EASEMENT EXHIBIT AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION](#)  
                                  [24-507 DRAFT EASEMENT AGREEMENT](#)  
                                  [24-507 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Robert Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 8      [24-509](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to expand on an already existing WE Energies easement to provide electric service to an existing gas regulation pit.

**Attachments:**      [24-509 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-509 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-509 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-509 DRAFT EASEMENT AGREEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)  
                                  [24-509 1982 EASEMENT](#)  
                                  [24-509 PHOTOGRAPHS & WE ENERGIES CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAMS](#)  
                                  [24-509 STREET LEVEL PHOTOGRAPH](#)  
                                  [24-509 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Robert Senglaub, Contracts Manager, DPRC

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 9        [24-508](#)        From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant a 20-year conservation easement to MMSD for the grant funded green infrastructure project located at Brown Deer Park. It is further requested that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute any required documents.

**Attachments:**    [24-508 REPORT](#)  
[24-508 RESOLUTION](#)  
[24-508 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[24-508 BROWN DEER PARK AERIAL MAP](#)  
[24-508 DRAFT CONSERVATION EASEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)  
[24-508 MMSD STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FUNDING AGREEMENT](#)  
[24-508 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Robert Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC

A motion was made by Supervisor Eckblad that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 10       [24-505](#)       From the Executive Director of Parks, providing an informational report on the updated 2025 Agricultural Land Lease Policy for the administering and managing of leasing of Milwaukee County land for agricultural purposes until such time as these lands can be converted to recreation and habitat restoration. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**    [24-505 REPORT](#)  
[24-505 USDA CROPLAND CASH RENT MAP](#)  
[24-505 LAND LEASE POLICY - 2020](#)  
[24-505 DRAFT LAND LEASE POLICY - 2025](#)  
[24-505 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Robert Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 11      [24-440](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the Parks Departments 3-Year Strategic Plan **(05/23/24 CB Meeting: Referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture)**  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [24-440 REPORT](#)  
[24-440 2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN](#)  
[24-440 POWERPOINT \(received 05/15/24\)](#)  
[24-440 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 12      [24-49](#)      eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 24-49 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 12.

There were no eComments submitted for the June 4, 2024, meeting.

The June 4, 2024, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:06 a.m. to 10:22 a.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Kelsey A. Evans  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk  
Committee on Parks and Culture**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Parks and Culture is Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, June 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., for the July meeting cycle.