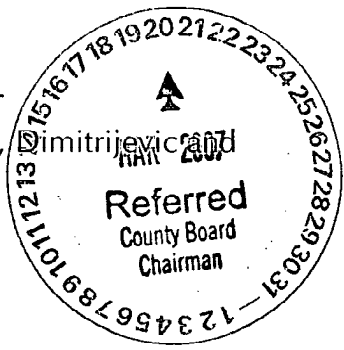


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By Supervisors Broderick, Devine, De Bruin, Weishan, Nyklewicz, Dimitrijevic, and Holloway

A RESOLUTION

Establishing a Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission for the express purpose of providing policy and funding guidance to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on preservation of the County's natural resources and places of natural beauty and the provision of recreational opportunities to County residents.

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is renown for its park system replete with indoor and outdoor swimming pools, playgrounds, recreation centers, athletics, conservatories and a marina; and

WHEREAS, due to growing fiscal constraints, the Park System, continue to experience a decrease in tax levy support and, therefore, has been forced to increase revenues and cut various programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the Parks System, once the pride of Milwaukee County citizens and the envy of the nation, has been placed in jeopardy by the current financial difficulties of the county; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that unusual and urgent measures are necessary to protect the Parks System from further erosion of financing the exhaustion of its own resources; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an advisory park commission that would be appointed by County Board Chairman and advisory to the County Board would allow for additional funding and policy guidance to the County Board on park system matters but will rest final decision making and taxing authority with the County Board and County Executive who are elected officials and are directly accountable to the public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission for the express purpose of providing policy and funding guidance to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors included, but not limited to, park expenditures, preservation needs, and short term and long term maintenance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Advisory Commission will consist of seven members to be appointed by the County Board Chairman and subject to confirmation by the County Board; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Advisory Commission members will not receive monetary compensation for their service and shall serve three year staggered terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairman will have 30 days from the date of the County Executive signs the legislation to make their appointments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairman will appoint a chairman for the Commission and, in the event a Commission member is unable to serve through the end of their term, the County Board Chairman will have 30 days, from the date of resignation, to make another appointment for confirmation by the County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall meet quarterly, at a minimum, and on an annual basis provide the County Board with a report as to the resource needs and overall status of the Parks System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Board staff shall staff the Commission by providing research, report development, meeting agendas and meeting minutes and the Parks Director or designee shall serve as a liaison; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board shall provide suitable office space where the maps, plan, documents and records of the Commission shall be kept, subject to public inspection at all reasonable hours and under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe.

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