

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Authorization to enter into a permanent easement with WE Energies at Noyes Park.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to expand on an already existing WE Energies easement at Noyes Park to provide electric service to a new electrical connection.

POLICY

§ 59.17(2)(b)3., Wis. Stats., states that the “county board may continue to exercise the authority under s. 59.52(6) with regard to land that is zoned as a park...”. In the law of property, authority over “land” includes authority over all rights appurtenant to the land.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	§ 59.17(2)(b)3.
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

WE Energies needs to provide electric service to an existing location in Noyes Park at W. Good Hope Road. This expanded electrical service will connect to the updated irrigation system that serves the Noyes Park Golf Course.

While there is an existing WE Energies easement to provide electric service to Noyes Park, this expanded easement will enable the functioning of the irrigation improvements to the golf course. Through the American Recovery Program Act (ARPA), Parks replaced the existing irrigation for the Noyes Park Golf Course that will reduce Parks’ utility costs and provide an enhanced user experience. This improvement also marks an investment by Parks at Noyes Park that will support the partnership with First Tee.

The proposed electric service and transformer do not fall within the easement area granted to WE Energies previously. Therefore a new easement is required.

Related File No's:	
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
Grant of the easement will enable Parks to generate revenue.

TERMS

- The easement is permanent.
- Easement fee is \$1.60 per square foot
- The easement size is 1,663 square feet

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Attachment 1 – Proposed Easement
- Attachment 2 – PowerPoint

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