

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 20, 2021

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to grant rent relief to South Shore Yacht Club in the amount of \$78,815.56 due to the impacts of COVID-19 in 2020 and the ongoing effects of the damaged north breakwater

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

Requesting permission to provide rent relief to South Shore Yacht Club in the amount of \$78,815.56, due to loss of revenue from the impacts of COVID-19 combined with damage to piers resulting from damaged north breakwater. This rent relief will be a credit of their 2020 payments in 2021.

**POLICY**

Relief is related to a lease of Park land.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	<a href="#">S. 59.17(2)(b)3., Wis. Stats.</a>
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	<a href="#">56.10 – Procedures for Leasing County Owned Land or Building Space</a>
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

**BACKGROUND**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Parks experienced significant operational disruptions across the entire park system. Impacts to the system included special events, pavilion and picnic rentals, community centers, aquatic facilities, horticultural facilities, marinas, and more. These impacts to the park system also had a major impact on our Parks partners. South Shore Yacht Club (“SSYC”) saw significant impacts to their operations due to government regulations restricting or prohibiting gatherings, capacity limits, public safety and health concerns, and other impacts of the pandemic.

Additionally, the north breakwater that protects, among other things, SSYC was damaged extensively in the January 2020 storm. The damages that occurred from the storm qualified as a federal disaster. The north breakwater is still not repaired, and results in ongoing damage to several piers, rendering them unusable to mooring, and a collateral loss of membership. Due to these combined impacts, SSYC has requested monetary relief in the amount of \$78,815.56. SSYC has self-certified that it did receive a Paycheck Protection Program loan that was used solely for employee wages.

This relief was originally requested in File Number 21-350, which was a request for COVID-19 relief for several Parks partners. However, it was recommended to the Finance Committee that this request be removed from that file and brought separately due to the combined effects of the damage to the north breakwater and COVID-19.

Related File No's:	<a href="#">21-350</a> , <a href="#">21-497</a>
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability  
Partnerships are important for the long term fiscal health and sustainability of Milwaukee County Parks. By providing this relief the County is ensuring the long term fiscal health of SSYC. This assistance will allow them to continue to provide services and maintain the County's infrastructure.

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

This relief will reduce operating revenues in 2021 by \$78,815.56. This reduction was not budgeted in 2021.

### **TERMS**

Not Applicable.

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Erica Goblet, Parks Contract Manager  
Peter Engel, South Shore Yacht Club Commodore, commodore@ssyc.org

### **PREPARED BY:**

Erica Goblet, Parks Contract Manager.

### **APPROVED BY:**

Guy Smith, Parks Executive Director *Guy Smith*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

Fiscal Note

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