



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes Committee on Parks and Culture

*Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*

*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steven Shea*

*Supervisor Steve F. Taylor*

*Supervisor Felesia A. Martin*

*Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez*

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Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 203-R & 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 9:00 a.m.

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

**Supervisors Felesia A. Martin and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

### APPOINTMENT - 1

- 1      [23-384](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Mr. David Lee to the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts Board of Directors for a term expiring April 27, 2026.

**Attachments:**      [23-384 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                  [23-384 REVISED APPOINTMENT LETTER \(received 03/23/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-384 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive (virtually)

Mr. David Lee, Appointee, appeared virtually, and spoke for information only regarding this Appointment.

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

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

## **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 9**

- 2**      [23-426](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting recommendation of the Other SDoH subgroup projects for \$962,303 within the Community Support Expenditure Category for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding consideration for the Re-Imagining of Sherman Park. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-426 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-426 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-426 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-426 AERIAL MAP \(04/11/23\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Jim Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Mr. David Knutson, Vice President of Government Affairs, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "23-426 AERIAL MAP (04/11/23)."

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

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

- 3      [23-422](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to execute and perform all actions required to participate in the Wisconsin Agricultural Mitigation Bank program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which will implement a wetland mitigation site, protected by a conservation easement, on park property located east of the intersection of E Puetz Rd and the railroad line in the City of Oak Creek.

**Attachments:**      [23-422 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-422 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-422 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-422 AERIAL MAP](#)  
                                  [23-422 DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING](#)  
                                  [23-422 EXAMPLE CONSERVATION EASEMENT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Brian Russart, Natural Areas Coordinator, DPRC

Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

Nathan Dhuey, Water Regulation and Zoning Specialist, Public Trust Waters and Zoning Section, Department of Natural Resources, State of Wisconsin, appeared virtually, and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

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 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 4      [23-423](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting approval of the Northwest Side Trails Connection Plan as an amendment to the Park and Open Space Plan file 22-132, intended to serve as a guide for decision making and fulfill the County's grant eligibility for a variety of State and Federal programs.

**Attachments:**      [23-423 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-423 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-423 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-423 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sarah Toomsen, Manager of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Therese Gripenrog, Landscape Architect, 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 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 5      [23-415](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a lease agreement with the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Association, Inc., for a five-year term with one five-year renewal for the use of bowling greens in Lake Park.

**Attachments:**      [23-415 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-415 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-415 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-415 AERIAL MAP](#)  
                                  [23-415 DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture**

**Mark Mathwig, President, Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Association, Inc., appeared, and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.**

**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 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 6      [23-425](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant a permanent easement to WE Energies to allow for the relocation of a gas main in and across certain portions of parkland in the City of Milwaukee by Hampton Avenue and Lincoln Creek

**Attachments:**      [23-425 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-425 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-425 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-425 AERIAL MAP](#)  
                                  [23-425 DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT GAS](#)  
                                  [23-425 P&C AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; Vote 5-0\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report:

Anthony J. Kotecki, Chief Construction Engineer, City of Milwaukee (virtually)  
Matt Fehler, Senior Project Supervisor, Wisconsin Electric Power Company

Supervisor Wasserman introduced Parks and Culture (P&C) Amendment I, which is attached to this file.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wasserman that this Action Report be AMENDED with P&C Amendment I. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

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

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

- 7      [23-108](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to grant a permanent easement to WE Energies to allow for the replacement of a gas main in and across certain portions of parkland in the City of South Milwaukee by Manitoba Avenue and Oak Creek Parkway. **(01/12/23: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**

**Attachments:**      [23-108 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-108 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-108 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-108 GAS DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)  
                                 [23-108 AERIAL MAP](#)  
                                 [23-108 P&C AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; Vote 5-0\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

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

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

- 8      [23-414](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing a response to the request for a study of the feasibility for creating a Milwaukee County Parks Youth Corps Program. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [23-414 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Jim Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Informational Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote taken.

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

- 9        [23-417](#)        From the Executive Director of Park providing an informational report on the proposed 2023 restroom operations **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**    [23-417 REPORT](#)  
                          [23-417 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

- 10       [23-416](#)       From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report regarding the lifeguard recruitment efforts to date. **(Considered by the Committees on Personnel; and Parks and Culture)**  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**    [23-416 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Jeff Orlowski, Director of Recreation and Business Services, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

### **E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 11       [23-45](#)        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. 23-45 at the conclusion of each meeting.

**Attachments:**    [23-45 eComments \(04/11/23\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 11.

The April 11, 2023, record of eComments is attached to this file as "23-45 eComments (04/11/23)."

The April 11, 2023, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Kelsey A. Evans  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services Division, 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, May 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, April 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., for the May meeting cycle.