



## March Board Cycle

**Milwaukee County Parks**  
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Date: February 16, 2018  
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: Guy Smith, Interim Parks Director  
Subject: **Boerner Botanical Gardens Lighting Project Development Agreement (PASSIVE REVIEW)**

## Policy

Milwaukee County Parks seeks to enter a development agreement with the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, Inc. (FBBG) to allow FBBG to hire Reinders, Inc. to make park improvements to Boerner Botanical Gardens (Boerner) including the installation of a full lighting system for the Annual Garden & Rose Garden Promenade, the Rotary Path and Bog Walk, and the Stone Sculpture Walk & Peony Garden.

## Background

FBBG is a private non-profit corporation organized under Wisconsin statutes chapter 181 with a tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), whose mission is to provide a garden setting for learning that nurtures understanding, enjoyment and stewardship of our natural world, while nourishing and preserving Boerner Botanical Gardens (Boerner) for future generations. FBBG was formed and has functioned for soliciting, holding, managing, investing and expending funds and other gifts, grants and bequests exclusively for the benefit and support of Boerner, and such of its educational, scientific and cultural programming as determined by its Board of Directors.

In recognition of this mission, Milwaukee County Parks (Parks) and FBBG are partnering to make park improvements to Boerner to include the installation of a full lighting system for the Annual Garden & Rose Garden Promenade, Rotary Path & Bog Walk and the Stone Sculpture Walk and Peony Garden through the contractor Reinders, Inc. The project will be done in three phases and will have a total project budget of \$123,882. The costs of the three phases are as follows:

- Phase I: Annual Garden & Rose Garden Promenade \$58,333.00



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- Phase II: Rotary Path & Bog Walk \$45,667.00
- Phase III Stone Sculpture Walk & Peony Garden \$19,882

The full cost of the project will be financed by FBBG. Phases I and II are 100% funded and are ready for installation. Fundraising efforts are underway for Phase III and the final plan will be determined after the final budget has been mutually agreed to by the County and FBBG.

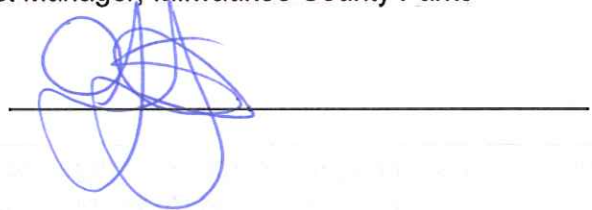
This three-phased project will have no initial or ongoing cost to Milwaukee County, as the project is being completely funded through FBBG for both initial installation as well as ongoing maintenance. This project may enable the daily hours of the botanical gardens to be extended for both greater opportunities for collection of regular admissions as well as increased events, potentially resulting in increased revenue opportunities for the County.

### Recommendation

Authorization for Parks to enter into a development agreement with the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, Inc. (FBBG) to allow FBBG to hire Reinders, Inc. to make park improvements to Boerner Botanical Gardens (Boerner) including the installation of a full lighting system for the Annual Garden & Rose Garden Promenade, the Rotary Path and Bog Walk, and the Stone Sculpture Walk & Peony Garden and to prepare, execute, record all documents and take all actions as required to execute the Boerner Lighting Project.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Interim Parks Director



### Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – 1684
- Attachment 3 – Development Agreement

### Copy:

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