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## September Board Cycle

## Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: August 13, 2019

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Requesting authorization to grant WE Energies a Permanent Easement for an underground electric cable within the Honey Creek Parkway – ACTION**

### Issue

Parks requests authorization to execute a permanent WE Energies easement to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of an underground electric cable across parkland.

### Background

Milwaukee County Parks frequently coordinates with WE Energies for the purpose of utility services both to Parks facilities and across parkland. The current request from WE Energies is for an underground electric utility easement within Honey Creek Parkway, at the southwest corner of Honey Creek Parkway and Bluemound Road.

The Parks Department utilizes utility services provided by WE Energies for its buildings and other park facilities. When new services are installed, WE Energies requests that the County provide a permanent easement to ensure that it has the needed access to install, operate, and maintain their infrastructure within the park.

The easement requested serves a new development by WLHS Apartments, LLC, which will house students of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. WE Energies reviewed the site plan and considered all possible routes and existing conflicts and determined the most reasonable underground electric cable route is along the west side of Honey Creek Parkway. Using comparable land values, WE Energies is offering \$1,000 for the proposed easement rights. Based on the amount of land used, .062 acres, and the fact that the installation is underground and will need minimal maintenance, Parks agrees that \$1,000 is reasonable compensation.

New services are installed by WE Energies and their contractors, and permission for installation work is granted through the Parks Right-of-Entry permit process. Granting the permanent easements is necessary for the long-term operation of the utility on Park property and requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.



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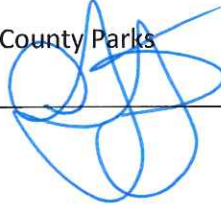


### Recommendation

The Parks Executive Director respectfully requests authorization to prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the required documents or perform actions required to grant a permanent electric easement to WE Energies for the construction, operation and maintenance of the electric service in Honey Creek Parkway. It is further recommended that that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute any required documents.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director



### Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Resolution
- Attachment 2 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 3 – Easement
- Attachment 4 – Easement Aerial View
- Attachment 5 – Easement Electrical Plan

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