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From the Executive Director, Parks Department, requesting retroactive authorization to apply for 2020 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the Urban Forestry Grant Program (Grant Program) under Section 23.097, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), and Chapter NR 47, State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the DNR is seeking to fund projects through its Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program is designed to support projects and programs that improve a community’s capacity to manage its trees; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), is seeking Grant Program funding to develop a community tree program in efforts to mitigate the impacts of trees removed due to diseases, such as Emerald Ash Borer; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program will expand capacity of DPRC’s forestry operations by engaging the community in the process of tree replacement and tree maintenance, improving the ability for DPRC to replace trees removed due to Emerald Ash Borer, increasing tree diversity, and implementing forestry management plans; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$50,000, with a DNR share of \$25,000, and a local match of \$25,000, provided through friends group contributions, the existing forestry budget, and in-kind in the form of staff time; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Grant Program requirements, DPRC identifies the Operations Manager – Land Resource Division, as the Authorized Representative to complete the following: sign and submit the Grant Program application, sign a Grant Program agreement (the Agreement) between DPRC and the DNR, submit interim and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the Agreement, submit grant reimbursement requests to the DNR, sign and submit other required documentation; and

WHEREAS, DPRC attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the Grant Program application; and

WHEREAS, DPRC requests an Agreement to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, projects may start no earlier than January 1, 2020, and must be completed by December 31, 2020, and Grant Program applications were due on October 1, 2019, hence, this is a retroactive request for authorization to apply; and

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WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that DPRC be retroactively authorized to apply for the 2020 DNR Grant Program identified above; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of October 29, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-778 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) will comply with all local, State, and Federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC is hereby retroactively authorized to apply for the 2020 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant identified above.

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