



October Board Cycle

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Date: September 18, 2018
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Parks Director
Subject: **Pleasant Valley & Kern Park Trail Update – (INFO)**

Background

Informational update report on file 18-365, a resolution by Supervisor Johnson, Jr. to protect and preserve the natural beauty of Pleasant Valley Park and Kern Park requesting a report on the Parks enforcement efforts, recommendations regarding trail closures and restoration, and a summary of its findings regarding park fines.

Pleasant Valley Park is a 23-acre park located in Milwaukee County (the County) on the western bank of the Milwaukee River in the city of Milwaukee (the City). The Milwaukee River Corridor contains fragile, natural habitat, and Pleasant Valley Park and Kern Park (located immediately to the north) have some of the densest wildlife habitat with in the City.

In August, Parks staff met with the Milwaukee River Greenway Coalition (MRGC) for trail work consideration. The consideration includes investigation into board walk needs, existing trail maintenance, and trail closure. An AmeriCorps crew led by MRGC will look to complete the trail closures and maintenance in September.

In August Milwaukee County Parks provided trail marking signs and no biking signs to MRGC for installation. Milwaukee County Parks is also in the process for finalizing its system wide trail signs, which could be used at specific trail heads or locations in the park. No funding has been determined to manufacture and installation those trail head signs. Cost is \$2000 per trail head sign and includes installation.

Park Ranger Staff conducted 9.5 patrol hours in Pleasant Valley and Kern Park. During that time, they observed no illegal use of the trail, ordinance violations, or received any complaints.



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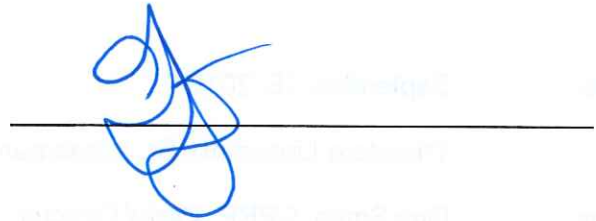
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Recommendation

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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