

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 12, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to grant Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC, a twenty-five-year easement with one ten-year renewal for an underground telecommunication system within Dretzka Park

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Authorization to execute a twenty-five-year easement with one ten-year renewal for an underground telecommunication system within Dretzka Park along the drive between North 124th Street and West Bradley Road.

POLICY

§ 59.17(2)(b)3., Wis. Stats., states that the “county board may continue to exercise the authority under s. 59.52(6) with regard to land that is zoned as a park...”. In the law of property, authority over “land” includes authority over all rights appurtenant to the land.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	§ 59.17(2)(b)3.
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC, is requesting a twenty-five-year easement with one ten-year renewal on parkland to place an underground telecommunications system (fiber optic cable, conduit, and ducts) and surface line location markers within Dretzka Park along the drive between North 124th Street and West Bradley Road.

Parks has reviewed this request and based on the size of the easement, the location underground, the lack of alternative routes, the minimal impact to parkland, natural areas, and recreational activities, and the benefit to trails and playgrounds, is recommending approval of this easement. Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC will pay \$5/lineal foot for the fiber run, which is

approximately 3,013 feet for an initial fee of \$15,065, which shall increase annually by three percent. The funds from the easement will be equally split between the trails and playground trusts that are used for maintenance and improvements.

Permission for installation work is granted through the Parks Right-of-Entry permit process. Granting the easement 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.

Related File No's:	
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability
Monies received for the easement helps Parks meet revenue goals by offsetting costs for playgrounds and trails.

FISCAL EFFECT

Increase of revenues in the current budget year of approximately \$15,065 to be put in trust for trails and playgrounds and offset maintenance and improvement costs.

TERMS

Twenty-five-year term with one ten-year renewal.
\$5/lineal foot, which shall increase by 3% annually.
Initial fee estimated at \$15,065.
All maintenance and restoration is the responsibility of Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC.
Right of Entry permit required for any ground disturbing activities.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Milwaukee County Parks

PREPARED BY:

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager

APPROVED BY:

Guy Smith, Parks Executive Director

Guy Smith

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Fiscal Note

Easement

cc:

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