From the Executive Director of 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, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC (Midwest Fiber), is requesting a 25-year easement (the Easement), with one, 10-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; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Fiber has requested that Milwaukee County grant this Easement to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground telecommunication system, and is offering an annual fee of \$5.00 per lineal foot, which will increase by three percent annually as compensation; and

WHEREAS, the estimated linear footage of the Easement is 3,013 feet, therefore, the initial Easement fee is \$15,065; and

WHEREAS, the fees from this Easement will be equally split between a trust fund for bike trails, and a trust fund for playground equipment and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) has reviewed this request, and based on the size of the Easement, the underground location, the lack of alternatives, the minimal impact to parkland, natural areas, and recreational activities, and the benefit to trails and playgrounds, is recommending approval of this Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that the authority to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents as required to execute the attached Easement be granted to DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of September 13, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-915 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, the Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and the County Executive to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and take all actions as required to grant Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC (Midwest Fiber), an underground telecommunication easement (the Easement) for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground telecommunication system in Dretzka Park, along the drive from North 124th Street to West Bradley Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Midwest Fiber will pay an initial annual fee of \$15,065, which shall increase by three percent annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the Easement and other required documents.

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