

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 16, 2024
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Authorization to enter into a permanent easement with WE Energies at Kosciuszko Park.
File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to expand on an already existing WE Energies easement to provide electric service to an existing gas regulation pit.

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

WE Energies needs to provide electric service to an existing gas regulation pit located at S. 7th Street and W. Lincoln Avenue, to energize a safety monitoring device within the gas regulation pit. Due to the number of existing utilities already present in the S. 7th Street right of way, WE Energies found no alternative location for installation of a single-phase pad-mounted transformer except on a portion of Park property on the east side of Kosciuszko Park at W. Grant Street.

There is an existing 1982 WE easement to provide electric service to the Kosciuszko Pavilion at the junction of W. Grant Street and the east property line of the park. WE Energies will connect to the existing pole, to install an underground feed and a pad-mounted transformer, encompassing approximately 0.012 acres of the park.

The proposed electric service and transformer do not fall within the easement area granted to WE Energies in the 1982 easement. Therefore, a new easement is required.

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

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

Grant of the easement will enable Parks generate revenue for 2024.

TERMS

- The easement is permanent.
- Easement fee is \$1.60 per square foot, for the 520 square foot easement
- The easement size is 520 square feet

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A: Draft Easement
- Exhibit B: 1982 Easement
- Exhibit C: 2024 Plan submittal
- Exhibit D: Street View

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