

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 27, 2024
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Fiber Easement with AT&T on land located in Lake Park.
File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into an easement with AT&T to install, operate and maintain a fiber optic cable on land located in Lake Park.

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

AT&T is looking to install a fiber optic conduit with the interest of keeping service available to the City of Milwaukee’s Linwood Water Treatment Plant. Milwaukee County Parks owns the land that the proposed line would run through.

The City of Milwaukee currently owns the land that AT&T is using to run its fiber optic line. The City of Milwaukee is requesting AT&T to relocate from its current location due to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation repaving project. AT&T’s only alternative for moving this line would be to relocate across the street to land owned by Milwaukee County Parks. The approximate location of the potential Easement is North Lincoln Memorial Drive between North Lake Drive and North Lake Park Road.

Parks is recommending approval of up to .011 acres or 500 square feet easement at the current rate of \$5.00 linear foot with an annual 3% increase, effective February 1, 2025, for a ten-year term, with the possibility of a ten-year extension.

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

FISCAL EFFECT

Annual rent to increase Parks revenue

TERMS

The term of this Easement shall be for an initial period of ten (10) years, subject to early revocation or termination pursuant to the terms of this Easement.

Renewal. This Easement may be renewed for one (1) consecutive ten (10) year term upon agreement of the Parties.

Annual 3% increase in rent

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Draft Easement
- Draft Legal Map
- Aerial Map
- PowerPoint

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