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JOHN DARGLE, JR., DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Date: April 24, 2017

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Parks Amenities Matching Fund Requests (ACTION)

POLICY

Approval of Parks Amenities Matching Fund request from Wilson Park Youth Baseball in the amount of \$6,750 to repair fields #1 and #2 at Wilson Park, and Tosa Baseball League in the amount of \$29,000 to revitalize the softball field in Center Street Park.

BACKGROUND

Wilson Park's baseball field #1 and little league field #2 have been slowly degrading in quality since the last investment in the field 5 years ago. The playing surface of the outfields have craters and uneven playing fields.

Wilson Park Youth Baseball is requesting \$6,750 from the Parks Amenities Matching Fund program to roll both infields and the entire shared outfield to ensure player safety, apply vitrified clay topdressing and re-clay pitchers mounds and batters' boxes, and edge and re-grade the infield and coach's boxes (Attachment #3), the estimated total project cost is \$13,500.

Center Street Park's northwestern field (field #1, on the corner of W. Center St. and N. 65th St.) is unplayable due to uneven turf and drainage issues in the outfield and a raised bank in the infield (Attachment #4).

With the support of the Friends of Center Street Park (Attachment #5), Tosa Baseball League is requesting \$29,000 from the Parks Amenities Matching Fund program to renovate field #1 at Center Street Park, including grading and resurfacing the infield, installing a new backstop, sideline fencing, and player benches, and leveling off and grading the outfield (Attachment #6), the estimated total project cost is \$58,000.

The current available balance of the PAMF fund is \$235,556.40. Contingent on the approval of funding for these projects that total \$35,750, the remaining balance in the PAMF program will be \$199,806.40.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Parks Amenities Matching Fund award in the amount of \$6,750 to Wilson Park Youth Baseball to support the repairing of fields #1 and #2 at Wilson Park and \$29,000 to Tosa Baseball League to support the revitalization of field #1 at Center Street Park.

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Approved by:



John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Resolution
- Attachment 2 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 3 – Parks Amenities Matching Fund Application from Wilson Park Youth Baseball
- Attachment 4 – Center Street Park Site Photos and Summary
- Attachment 5 – Friends of Center Street Park Letter of Support
- Attachment 6 – Parks Amenities Matching Fund Application from Tosa Baseball League
- Attachment 7 – Aerial View of Wilson Park
- Attachment 8 – Aerial View of Center Street Park

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