



September 2018 Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks
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Date: August 17, 2018
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Parks Director
Subject: **Request for WE Energies easements on Milwaukee County Parkland (ACTION)**

Policy

Parks requests authorization to execute permanent WE Energies easements to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of electric utilities on parkland.

Background

We Energies has requested utility easements in Brown Deer Park, Doyne Park, Falk Park, Lake Park, Menomonee River Parkway, and South Shore Park. Each easement is for a separate project, and a matrix has been attached in order to detail the purpose, cost, and extent of each request.

Parks utilizes electricity services provided by WE Energies for its buildings and other park facilities. As new park facilities are constructed or existing facilities are upgraded, the DPRC requests that WE Energies provide new electrical service. When new services are provided, WE Energies requests that the County provide permanent easements to ensure that it has the needed access to install, operate, and maintain their infrastructure within the park.

From time to time WE Energies requests to conduct projects to extend service or improve reliability for other customers. In this situation, Parks requests that WE Energies conduct an alternative analysis to assure that a utility installation on parkland is required. If so, Parks negotiates fair compensation for the needed easement and permit.

New services are installed by WE Energies and their contractors, and permission for installation work is granted through the Parks Right-of-Entry permit process. Granting the permanent easements is necessary for the long-term operation of the utility on Parks property, and requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.



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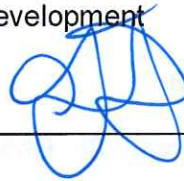
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Recommendation

Authorize Parks to prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the required documents or perform actions required to grant permanent easements to WE Energies for the construction, operation and maintenance of the electric services and related improvements in Brown Deer Park, Doyne Park, Falk Park, Lake Park, Menomonee River Parkway, and South Shore Park. It is further recommended that that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute any required documents.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – Easement List
- Attachment 4 – Easement Documents and Supporting Documents
- Attachment 5 – Typical WE Infrastructure Samples

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