



October 2018 Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks
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Date: September 17, 2018
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Parks Director
Subject: **Request for WE Energies gas easements on Milwaukee County Parkland at 35th and Kinnickinnic Parkway (ACTION)**

Policy

Parks requests authorization to execute a permanent WE Energies easement to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of natural gas utilities across parkland.

Background

WE Energies has requested a natural gas utility easement within Kinnickinnic Parkway, just east of 35th Street due to the future reconstruction of the 35th Street bridge.

The Parks Department utilizes natural gas service provided by WE Energies for its buildings and other park facilities. When new services are installed, WE Energies requests that the County provide a permanent easement to ensure that it has the needed access to install, operate, and maintain their infrastructure within the park.

The easement requested serves WE customers in the immediate area, including 2 lines on the east side of Jackson Park that serve park facilities. Using comparable land values WE is offering \$1,026 for the proposed easement rights. All installation work will be underground.

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 Park property, and requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.



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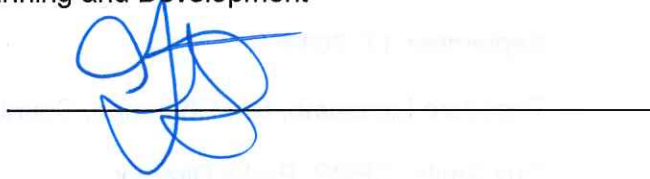
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Recommendation

Authorize Parks to prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the required documents or perform actions required to grant permanent natural gas easement to WE Energies for the construction, operation and maintenance of the gas service in Kinnickinnic Parkway. It is further recommended that that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute any required documents.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Parks Director



Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – Easement
- Attachment 4 – Easement Offer
- Attachment 5 – Aerial exhibit

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