# File No. 19-

# (Journal, )

(ITEM NO. ) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to pursue detailed design and construction of the final Kletzsch Park fish passage concept in accordance with the community feedback and concept development process that has taken place, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, a Professional Services Agreement for the Fish Passage element of project WP548 – Kletzsch Park Dam Repairs and Improvements, was approved by the Board as file 19-335 in April of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the April 2019 resolution’s approval was contingent that before proceeding with the project Parks must present the proposed final design at another Public Information Meeting and that the proposed final design shall receive County Board approval before construction of any project can proceed; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has been awarded several grants to fund improvements that will address a number of deficiencies at the Kletzsch Park dam; and

WHEREAS, there are three main components to the existing project:

1. East abutment dam repairs - repairs to damaged masonry, removal of vegetation, and re-establishing functionality to the timber stop logs at the east abutment.

2. Public river access, portage, and overlook - reconstruct the dam overlook in response to the need for improved overall public access to the dam and to the river, specifically addressing limited access for physically disabled individuals as well as conditions relating to direct contact with the water by boaters and fishermen.

3. West bank in-river fish passage - construction of a fish passage to allow native fish species (targeting northern pike and sturgeon) to migrate upstream during the spring for spawning; and

WHEREAS, the concepts for fish passage and related overlook and water access improvements were presented at a Public Information Meetings (PIMs) in January and September of 2019; and

WHEREAS, a number of questions and concerns were raised during the public engagement process regarding major changes to the landscape, impacts to the historic parkway, and loss of trees; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the project many alternatives were reviewed and tested in order to be sure that the best possible solution was produced; and

WHEREAS, the preferred final concept not only provides a functional passage for fish, but also addresses public concerns shared during the community engagement process; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County Parks and the Department of Administrative Services are hereby authorized to pursue detailed design and construction of the final Kletzsch Park fish passage concept in accordance with the community feedback and concept development process that has taken place.