



January Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: December 19, 2019

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to grant WE Energies a Permanent Easement for an underground electric cable within the Milwaukee River Parkway - Action**

Issue

Parks requests authorization to execute a permanent WE Energies easement to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground electric cable across parkland.

Background

Milwaukee County Parks frequently coordinates with WE Energies for the purpose of utility services both to Parks facilities and across parkland. The current request from WE Energies is for an underground electric utility easement within Milwaukee River Parkway, on the West side of the parkway, North of E Wright Street.

The easement requested serves residential properties on N. Gordon Court. There is currently an underground electric system there, but due to its age and condition WE Energies is planning to replace the current system to improve reliability of the electrical service. When WE Energies started the project, they realized that a garage was built over the original underground electric system. Because of the location of the garage WE Energies is unable to replace the underground cable solely on the residential properties and is requesting a 15' wide easement to install the underground cable by directional bore. Using comparable land values, WE Energies is offering \$1,000 for the proposed easement rights for .0847 acre of land. 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 and requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.



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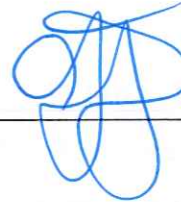


Recommendation

The Parks Executive Director respectfully requests authorization to prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the required documents or perform actions required to grant a permanent electric easement to WE Energies for the construction, operation and maintenance of the electric service in Milwaukee River 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, Executive Director



Attachments

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Easement
- Easement Aerial View

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