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**March Board Cycle**

**Milwaukee County Parks**  
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Date: February 19, 2020  
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: Providing an Informational Update on Small Wireless Facility Applications in Milwaukee County Parks –  
**Informational**

**Issue**

In 2019 the Wisconsin State Legislature passed 2019 Wisconsin Act 14 (Act 14) governing local regulation of small cell wireless facilities (SWFs). The new law strictly limits the scope of local regulation of SWFs, particularly in relation to fees, permitting procedures, SWF placement, and aesthetics.

**Background**

Milwaukee County Parks staff have worked diligently to comply with the regulations outlined in 2019 Wisconsin Act 14. Parks has implemented a permitting process that will allow staff to accurately track the appropriate deadlines outlined in statute. Parks has received 17 site applications for the installation of Small Wireless Facilities within parkland. All but three of those site applications have advanced through the initial approval process. Parks continues to review applications on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with Corporation Counsel as needed.

**Recommendation**

This report is for informational purposes only. No action is required.

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**Attachments:**

- SWF Site Application Map

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