



April Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: March 19, 2021

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Donation Acceptance for WP727 – OLT Zip Line Sinkhole from Friends of the Milwaukee County Trails -
ACTION

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks is requesting permission to accept a donation in the amount of \$18,225.66 from the Friends of the Milwaukee County Trails and apply it to capital project WP727-Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole.

Background

The Zip Line is a popular segment of Milwaukee's Oak Leaf Trail that connects Estabrook Park in Shorewood with Brown Deer Park and the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. The Zip Line is one of the most heavily trafficked sections of the Oak Leaf Trail and is relied on by hundreds of commuters and recreational users every day. In July of 2019, a depression began forming beneath the Oak Leaf Trail near Johnson Controls in Glendale and continued to grow throughout the year causing eventual trail closure in 2020. The closure required an on-street detour which frustrated many regular users of the trail segment. The Friends of the Milwaukee County Trails organized a fundraiser to solicit donations for the speedy repair of the trail. Over 113 donors contributed \$18,225.66 toward the repair of the trail segment. Concurrently Milwaukee County Parks submitted funding requests for a Wisconsin DOT - Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant, a Wisconsin DNR Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant and Milwaukee County capital funding for 2021. Milwaukee County Parks was awarded and accepted both a TAP grant and an RTP grant totaling \$575,815 (File 20-874). Funding for the project was also awarded in the 2021 capital budget. Construction for the project is expected to start in the summer of 2021.

Recommendation

Parks' Executive Director recommends approval to accept the restricted donation and apply it to project WP727-Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole.



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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks *Guy Smith*

Attachments

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note

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