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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 requesting the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture provide an
7 informational report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors detailing the short
8 and long-term plans for Noyes Park, including plans for the golf course, driving range,
9 indoor pool, nature area, trails, and other areas

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12 WHEREAS, Noyes Park is located in Milwaukee at 8235 West Good Hope Road
13 in Milwaukee County’s 18th Supervisory District; and

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15 WHEREAS, Noyes Park has many amenities for park users to participate in,
16 including an indoor pool, a Forked Aster hiking trail, nature study area, golf driving
17 range, practice green, a nine hole golf course, tennis courts, and a playground; and

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19 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of the indoor pool, but
20 prior to that, the average annual attendance at Noyes pool was 17,062 for the years
21 2010 through 2019; and

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23 WHEREAS, the 2020 Adopted Capital Budget included \$35,000 for a lighted sign
24 at the Noyes pool to facilitate access to the park, but the COVID-19 pandemic
25 prevented the project from proceeding and those funds lapsed at the end of the year;
26 and

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28 WHEREAS, First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin (“First Tee”) is a nonprofit
29 organization that helps young people “learn valuable life skills and character lessons
30 through creative activities and instructional programs that incorporate the fundamental
31 teachings of golf”; and

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33 WHEREAS, First Tee operates several chapters in the Milwaukee area, but one
34 chapter specifically uses the nine hole course at Noyes Park and has for many years
35 now because the nine hole course is ideal for those new to golf and is adjacent to the
36 driving range, which is also valuable for building and practicing new skills; and

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38 WHEREAS, First Tee was recently informed by staff at the Department of Parks,
39 Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) that the golf course at Noyes Park would be going from
40 a nine-hole course to a four-hole course in 2022; and

41 WHEREAS, First Tee also has an agreement with DPRC to use the
42 administration office at Noyes Park for their staff office, which they will also no longer be
43 able to use when the golf course is downsized in 2022; and
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45 WHEREAS, discussions with DPRC staff have indicated that there are severe
46 infrastructure problems at the Noyes golf course that cannot be easily repaired although
47 First Tee has offered to work with DPRC to develop an agreement to provide financial
48 and staffing assistance to repair any issues to allow to continue using the space; and
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50 WHEREAS, the vision and mission of Milwaukee County is to become the
51 healthiest County in Wisconsin; Noyes Park presently offers myriad recreation choices
52 for park users and there are many opportunities to improve upon what we offer to
53 constituents; and
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55 WHEREAS, it is important to keep policymakers and the public informed of major
56 changes to the park system; and
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58 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
59 September 14, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-762 (vote 5-0); now,
60 therefore,
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62 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby requests
63 that the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture provides a report
64 outlining both the short and long-term plans for Noyes Park for the October 2021
65 standing committee cycle; and
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the report shall include plans for the golf course
68 and driving range, the indoor pool, tennis courts, trails, nature area, and any other major
69 forthcoming proposals.
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