



# Milwaukee County

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201B  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

## Meeting Minutes Parks, Energy and Environment Committee

*Chairperson: Supervisor Jason Haas*  
*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*  
*Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson*  
*Supervisor Felesia Martin*  
*Supervisor Steven Shea*  
*Committee Coordinator: Kelsey Evans, 414-278-4013*  
*Research Analyst: Emily Petersen 414-278-4781*

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019

1:00 PM

Room 201-B

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### Call To Order

#### Roll Call at 1:04 P.M.

**Present** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused** 1 - Wasserman

### APPOINTMENTS - 2

- 1      [19-87](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Jason R. Rae to the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board for an indefinite term. **(02/07/19 County Board Meeting: Referred to Parks, Energy, and Environment, and Corporation Counsel for Legal Opinion)**

**Attachments:**      [19-87 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                  [19-87 REVISED APPOINTMENT LETTER \(01/04/19\)](#)  
                                  [19-87 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)  
                                  [19-87 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-87 CORPORATION COUNSEL RESPONSES \(03/05/19\)](#)

#### **APPEARANCES:**

Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive  
Paul Kuglitsch, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Jason R. Rae, Appointee, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

Dennis Hughes appeared and spoke against this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nicholson that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 2      [18-921](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Guy Johnson to the Milwaukee County Federated Library System Board of Trustees for a term expiring November 21, 2020. **(01/29/19: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**

**Attachments:**      [18-921 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
   [18-921 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive

Guy Johnson, Appointee, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nicholson that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

### FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION - 1

- 3      [19-244](#)      From the Director, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to apply for and accept 2020 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection support grants, in the approximate amount of \$75,000, to partially offset the salaries, training, travel, and office expenses of the Land Conservation Department.

**Attachments:**      [19-244 REPORT](#)  
   [19-244 RESOLUTION](#)  
   [19-244 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Tim Detzer, Senior Environmental Engineer, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

## MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - 1

- 4      [19-18](#)      From the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, providing an informational report regarding financial statements. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks, Energy, and Environment, and Finance and Audit) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [19-18 MARCH REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Dr. Ellen Censky, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)

Ryan O'Desky, Chief Financial Officer, MPM

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Dennis Hughes appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nicholson that the March Report attached to this Reference File be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 1**

- 5      [19-224](#)      **2019 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A003:** From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, providing an informational update regarding the status and progress of the Milwaukee Public Museum Task Force. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks, Energy, and Environment, and Finance and Audit)**  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [19-224 REPORT](#)  
[19-224 2019 ADOPTED BUDGET AMENDMENT 1A003](#)  
[19-224 FEASIBILITY STUDY](#)  
[19-224 DEMOLITION STUDY](#)  
[19-224 APPRAISAL REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item:

Mike Devine, President, Gallagher Museum Services, Gallagher and Associates  
Sarah van Haastert, Senior Project Manager, Gallagher and Associates

Dennis Hughes appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nicholson that this Informational Report be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

## REQUEST FROM THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - 1

- 6      [19-55](#)      From the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, requesting a written informational report from the National Trust for Historic Preservation regarding historic tax credits and potential applicability to the Milwaukee County Domes. **(Considered by the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, and the Milwaukee Public Museum Task Force) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE) (01/29/19: Laid Over for One Meeting)**

**Attachments:**      [19-55 REPORT](#)  
                                  [19-55 POWERPOINT](#)

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item:

Jennifer Sandy, National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Dennis Hughes

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 5

- 7      [19-223](#)      From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, providing an informational report regarding the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's draft concepts for large-scale, floodwater management in Jackson Park, and policies relating to the use of parkland in cooperation with other governmental units. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [19-223 REPORT](#)  
                                  [19-223 MMSD JACKSON PARK UPDATE](#)  
                                  [19-223 ADOPTED FILE NO. 00-191](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Sarah Toomsen, Manager of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Patrick Elliot, Senior Project Manager, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

Dennis Hughes appeared and spoke against this item.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 8      [19-227](#)      From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement with the Urban Ecology Center in the amount of \$1 per year for certain land within Washington Park for an initial 25-year term with two 25-year extension options, and an Option to Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$1 for the existing boat house structure in Washington Park.

**Attachments:**      [19-227 REPORT](#)  
                                  [19-227 REVISED REPORT \(02/19/19\)](#)  
                                  [19-227 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-227 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [19-227 REVISED FISCAL NOTE \(02/19/19\)](#)  
                                  [19-227 GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT](#)  
                                  [19-227 AERIAL-LEASE PREMISES](#)  
                                  [19-227 AERIAL-EXTENDED USE AREA](#)  
                                  [19-227 RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN \(134 pages\)](#)  
                                  [19-227 OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT](#)  
                                  [19-227 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING](#)  
                                  [19-227 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
James Tarantino, Director of Recreation and Business Services, DPRC  
Paul Kuglitsch, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "19-227 POWERPOINT."

Ken Leinbach, Executive Director, Urban Ecology Center, appeared and spoke in favor of this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nicholson that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 9      [19-222](#)      From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting retroactive authorization to extend the existing Interagency Agreement between Milwaukee County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, in the amount of \$235,000, to fund professional staffing services and various programs at Wehr Nature Center in Whitnall Park for the period effective January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, and requesting a waiver of Section 56.30(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, to pay for services rendered prior to execution of the contract.

**Attachments:**      [19-222 REPORT](#)  
                                  [19-222 REVISED REPORT \(02/19/19\)](#)  
                                  [19-222 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-222 REVISED RESOLUTION \(02/19/19\)](#)  
                                  [19-222 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [19-222 2019 CONTRACT](#)  
                                  [19-222 2015 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT #133-PRJ89TN](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Erica Hayden, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Supervisor Nicholson was not present at the time the roll was called, but later requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting with the majority. There being no objections from Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 10      [19-226](#)      From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to grant a Trail Right of Way Easement to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of trail connections to the WDNR Forestry Exploration Center from the Wil-O-Way parking lot located in Underwood Creek Parkway.

**Attachments:**      [19-226 REPORT](#)  
                                  [19-226 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-226 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [19-226 TRAIL RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT](#)  
                                  [19-226 AERIAL EXHIBIT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sarah Toomsen, Manager of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Erica Hayden, Contracts Manager, DPRC, appeared but did not speak regarding this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Haas that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 11      [19-221](#)      From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a Lease Agreement with Rainbow Aero Modelers Society, with total expected revenue in the amount of \$550, for use of 18 acres of designated parkland on the Root River Parkway in Franklin, Wisconsin, for its radio-controlled model flying activities for a five-year term beginning April 1, 2019.

**Attachments:**      [19-221 REPORT](#)  
                                  [19-221 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-221 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [19-221 LEASE AGREEMENT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Erica Hayden, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Nicholson that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman



**AUDIT SERVICES DIVISION - 1**

- 12      [19-238](#)      From the Director of Audits, Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, providing an audit report titled “Hales Corners Park has Benefited from the Support of its Friends Group; however, a Formal Agreement with the Organization is Needed to Achieve Adherence to Chapter 13 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances,” and requesting approval of the audit recommendations provided therein. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks, Energy, and Environment, and Finance and Audit)**

Attachments:      [19-238 AUDIT REPORT](#)  
                                 [19-238 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [19-238 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits, Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller  
Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Nicholson that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

## RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES - 2

- 13      [19-101](#)      A resolution authorizing and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to change the name of Columbus Park to Indigenous Peoples' Park to align with the values of Milwaukee County and to honor local indigenous groups, and authorizing an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$9,700 from Org. Unit 1800-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 9000 DPRC. **(02/07/19 County Board Meeting: Referred to Parks, Energy, and Environment)**

**Sponsors:**      Martin

**Attachments:**      [19-101 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-101 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [19-101 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Resolution be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 14      [19-274](#)      A resolution recognizing May 11, 2019, as World Migratory Bird Day in Milwaukee County.

**Sponsors:**      Haas

**Attachments:**      [19-274 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-274 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**A motion was made by Supervisor Haas that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Nicholson, Martin, Shea and Haas

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

**Length of Meeting: 1:04 P.M. to 3:36 P.M.**

**Adjourned,**

**Kelsey A. Evans**

**Committee Coordinator**

**Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk**

**Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment is Monday, April 22, 2019. All items must be in the Committee Coordinator's possession on or before Friday, March 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.