

RESOLUTION # 21-02

Approval of lease agreements between the City of Saint Paul and the Board of Water Commissioners, to include the diversion of parkland at Pig’s Eye Regional Park, in exchange for use of the Highland Reservoir No. 1 property

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission (“Commission”) is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul is a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota (the “Board”), and the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, is a home rule charter city under the laws of the State of Minnesota (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, the City is owner of certain real property situated in Section 10, Township 28, Range 22, commonly referred to as Pig’s Eye Regional Park, described and depicted in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Board currently uses a portion of the Property and wishes to lease space from the City and to thereupon construct, maintain, and operate an excavated soils recycling and storage site; and

WHEREAS, the City will accept the use of property owned by the Board of Water Commissioners known as the Highland Reservoir No. 1 site through a separate lease agreement to replace any parkland which may be considered diversion pursuant to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City leasing a portion of Pig’s Eye Regional Park to the Board of Water Commissioners constitutes a temporary parkland diversion, as the City is leasing the property, not selling it; and

WHEREAS, the diversion is being compensated through a lease exchange of Highland Reservoir No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously leased a portion of parkland known as the Highland Golf Course from the Board, without compensation in land or fee, under which the parkland diversion process was not followed; and

WHEREAS the Highland Golf Course land lease places the balance of land exchanged between the Board and the City in the City’s favor; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to enter into a lease agreement for the Property with the Board for said public purposes, consistent with the requirements and safety of the Board’s water works system, and consistent with the requirements and safety of City employees and property, now or in the future; and



WHEREAS, Per City Charter 13.01.1 for diversion or disposal of parkland, at the recommendation of the Saint Paul Parks Commission, a public hearing shall be conducted by the City Council for the purpose of considering the proposal and the recommendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the approval of lease agreements between the City of Saint Paul and the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul, to include the diversion of parkland at Pig’s Eye Regional Park, in exchange for use of the Highland Reservoir No. 1 property.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on February 11, 2020:

Approved:	Yeas	<u>8</u>
	Nays	<u>0</u>
	Absent:	<u>1</u>

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Attested to by:

Elizabeth L McDonald
 Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission

