

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Advisory Commission
FROM: Josh Landefeld, Parks Manager
SUBJECT: Mary Beth Doyle Park – Lease Agreement
DATE: June 21st, 2024

This resolution recommends approval of a twenty-five year lease agreement from Washtenaw County for the use and maintenance of Mary Beth Doyle Park - 3500 Birch Hollow Drive. The term of this lease is beginning on January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2048.

The City park known as Mary Beth Doyle Park has, since 1979, consisted of several parcels owned by the City and one parcel owned by the County, with the entire park operated by the City except for certain stormwater infrastructure maintained by Washtenaw County. The City of Ann Arbor has leased this property at 3500 Birch Hollow Drive since 1979. The most recent lease renewal expired in 2003, with a holdover clause that has remained current. Staff recommends approval of the proposed twenty-five year lease. Rent shall be \$1.00 total for the entire lease period.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY
FOR MARY BETH DOYLE PARK.

Whereas, The City park known as Mary Beth Doyle Park has, since 1979, consisted of several parcels owned by the City and one parcel owned by the County, with the entire park operated by the City except for certain stormwater infrastructure maintained by the County;

Whereas, The County's predecessor, the Pittsfield-Ann Arbor Drainage District, has leased the County's portion of the park to the City from January 1, 1979 to December 31, 2003, with a month-to-month holdover thereafter, under a lease dated December 14, 1978 ("First Lease");

Whereas, The parties wish to establish this new 25-year lease to replace the existing month-to-month lease;

Whereas, The parties acknowledge that the Premises contain a storm water detention area and related structures, including inlet and outlet control structures under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner ("Storm Detention Facilities");

Whereas, The parties acknowledge that a portion of the Premises is a wetland under a conservation easement granted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and recorded in Liber 4692, Page 644, Washtenaw County Records ("MDEQ Wetland");

Whereas, The required City service areas have reviewed the lease agreement; and

Whereas, Parks staff recommend approval of the lease agreement;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend City Council approves this lease agreement with Washtenaw County.