

2 **RESOLUTION: Request Authority to Apply for a National Recreation and Parks**
3 **Association Meet Me at the Park Campaign Grant to Fund Inclusive Play**
4 **Equipment for the Natural Way Area of the Winnebago County**
5 **Community Park**

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8 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

9 **WHEREAS**, included in the long-range plans for improving the amenities offered at Shelter #2, which is in The
10 Natural Way area in the Winnebago County Community Park, is the addition of several pieces of inclusive play
11 equipment; and

12 **WHEREAS**, given that Shelter #2 does not have any play equipment other than a swing and a slide at the
13 present time, and there is a large amount of flat open space available on the northeast side of the Shelter, it is
14 appropriate to install inclusive play equipment at this location, which will be serviceable using the same accessible path
15 for the outdoor fitness equipment scheduled to be installed in 2017; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the presence of inclusive play equipment in a central location near Shelter #2 will complement the
17 area and will be of genuine value as it will incorporate the attributes of Universal Design standards on which The Natural
18 Way is premised; and

19 **WHEREAS**, with inclusive play equipment built under Universal Design standards, Winnebago County will have
20 in place a facility capable of providing recreational opportunities to all ages and abilities for the foreseeable future and
21 provide a valuable resource for those with both physical and cognitive disabilities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the National Recreation and Parks Association is accepting applications for grants to be awarded to
23 certain municipalities committed to investing up to \$50,000 towards the creation of innovative and impactful projects that
24 will increase access to play for children and families.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago
27 County Executive and the Winnebago County Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an application to the National
28 Recreation and Parks Association for the Meet Me at the Park Grant, committing Winnebago County to purchasing
29 inclusive play equipment contingent upon the award of grant and matching funds or equivalent funds (funds already
30 spent on design work or volunteer hours already worked) being made available, enabling Winnebago County to purchase
31 up to \$26,000 in said equipment.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves of the
34 commitment to proceed with efforts to install inclusive play equipment at Shelter #2 should the aforementioned Grant be
35 awarded to Winnebago County.

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37 **Fiscal Note:** The introduction of new play equipment at Shelter #2 will require increased monitoring to maintain safety
38 and quality standards. The subsequent increase in the amount of time required to inspect and make
39 adjustments to the equipment will require that over the course of each ensuing year an equivalent of \$150
40 be dedicated towards said activities from the Parks labor account.

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Respectfully submitted by:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **5-0**

Respectfully submitted by:

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **4-0**

Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive