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3 **RESOLUTION: Authorize the Parks Department to Accept a ‘Meet Me at the Park’ Grant from the**
4 **National Recreation and Park Association / Walt Disney Company in the Amount of**
5 **\$30,000, and Appropriate the Funds to Purchase and Install Recreation-Based Equipment**
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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, the addition of several pieces of inclusive play equipment are included in the Winnebago County
9 Parks Department’s long range plans for improving the amenities offered at the Community Park’s Shelter #2; and

10 **WHEREAS**, given that there is a large amount of flat open space available on the northeast side of Shelter
11 #2, with only one swing set and a slide, it is appropriate to install inclusive play equipment at this site; and

12 **WHEREAS**, inclusive play equipment installed at this site will also allow the equipment to be serviced by the
13 same accessible path being used for the nearby outdoor fitness equipment; and

14 **WHEREAS**, having inclusive play equipment centrally located at the Shelter #2 site will complement the area
15 and will be of genuine value as it will incorporate the attributes of Universal Design standards; and

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

19 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Parks Department received a ‘Meet Me at the Park’ grant from the
20 National Recreation and Park Association / Walt Disney Company that can be used to purchase and install
21 recreation-based equipment within the confines of the Community Parks’ The Natural Way; and

22 **WHEREAS**, accepting the additional funding and purchasing this equipment would be beneficial to the
23 residents of Winnebago County.

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
26 authorizes the Winnebago County Parks Department to accept a ‘Meet Me at the Park’ grant from the National
27 Recreation and Park Association / Walt Disney Company in the amount of \$30,000, and appropriate the funds to
28 purchase and install recreation-based equipment.

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30 **Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact. The grant funds will cover the purchase and installation.

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32 Respectfully submitted by:

33 **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

34 Committee Vote: **5-0**

35 Respectfully submitted by:

36 **PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

37 Committee Vote: **5-0**

38 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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40 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2019.

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43 Mark L Harris
44 Winnebago County Executive