

AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/20/2025

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Joe Kerlin, Superintendent of Parks

SUBJECT: Resolution 179-24-25 – Boy Scouts Camporee Event

<u>ISSUE</u>

Should the Public Works Committee recommend approval of allowing the Director of Public Works to grant permission to Boy Scouts of America – Lakeshore District to maintain a temporary campsite on property owned and maintained by the City and to maintain controlled fire(s) on such property for a Camporee event occurring May 2 - 4, 2025?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of a temporary campsite on property owned and maintained by the City, Maywood Environmental Park, and to maintain controlled fire(s) for a Camporee event occurring May 2 - 4, 2025.

Maywood Association Staff are also in favor of the event.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Maywood board member, Marlyn Meinnert, represents the Boy Scouts group and Sally Bork, District Executive Director, are requesting to utilize the Maywood facility as the host site for their Scout Camporee.

This event involves over 100 scouts, along with their leaders, camping outdoors from Friday evening, May 2, 2025 through Sunday morning, May 4, 2025. Saturday is spent rotating through sessions including merit badges, service projects on site, scout ceremonies and other activities.

They will be camping in the overflow parking lot. They bring in their own portable toilets and handwashing station. They would like to have access to the building in case of emergency, such as a tornado. The group has held the event at various locations, including Silver Creek Park in Manitowoc, the Sheboygan County Airport, and others. They are fully insured, well-supervised and self-sufficient. As mentioned, they would also help complete service work in the park.

FUNDING IMPACT

There is no funding impact.

IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

Upon approval, the Director of Public Works will be authorized to permit the Boy Scouts of America to camp at Maywood Environmental Park from May 2 - 4, 2025 upon submission of all necessary information and approval of same by the Director of Public Works and City Attorney or their designees.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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