

TOWN OF ARCADIA RESOLUTION # 2025-05

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATURAL PLAY AREA AT PIETREK PARK AND THE RENEWAL OF THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Pietrek Park is located within the Town Of Arcadia and is an important outdoor recreation space for local residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the County is planning to develop a **Natural Play Area** at Pietrek Park to provide a safe, educational, and hands-on outdoor environment for children and families; and

WHEREAS, this play area will support physical activity, environmental learning, and student involvement in designing, building, and caring for the space—aligning with the values of the 4-H program (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health); and

WHEREAS, the Natural Play Area project will involve partnerships between local schools, community groups, and government agencies to strengthen education, health, and outdoor recreation in the County; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project will be requested through the **Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program**, a statewide grant program created in 1989 to protect Wisconsin's natural resources and increase public access to outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is scheduled to expire in June 2026 under current state law (Chapter 23.0915(2c)(d), Wis. Stats.); and

WHEREAS, the Stewardship Program has supported projects like park improvements, trail development, and conservation across the state—including past projects in our County—and is essential to continuing this type of work in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Tourism, and Economic Development Committee has reviewed and supports both the Natural Play Area project and advocating for the continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Of Arcadia supports the development of a Natural Play Area at Pietrek Park and the submission of a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to help fund the project.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Of Arcadia urges the Wisconsin Legislature to renew and continue funding for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program beyond its current expiration in June 2026.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Town Of Arcadia Board of Supervisors, thanks all community members, organizations, and local partners involved in the planning and development of the Pietrek Park project and encourages continued support and collaboration.

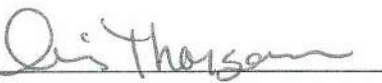
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of April, 2025.

By: 
Michael R Wineski, Chairperson

By: 
William Haines, Supervisor #2

By: 
John Krett, Supervisor #1

By: 
Ronald F Tuschner, Supervisor #4

Attest: 
Avis Thorson, Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Chairperson	<u>Y</u>
Supervisor #1	<u>Y</u>
Supervisor #2	<u>Y</u>
Supervisor #3	<u>Vacant</u>
Supervisor #4	<u>Y</u>

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