

RESOLUTION #15-06
Xcel Energy Parkland Diversion for Gas Pipe Building in Highland Park

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission (“Commission”) is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and City-wide matters related to the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.01.1 of the City Charter requires that the Commission review any diversion or disposal of park property and present a recommendation to the Saint Paul City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation, owns City parkland known as Highland Park – southeast corner, near and north of the intersection of Montreal Avenue, West 7th St. and Lexington Parkway South, Parcel ID: 15.28.23.42.0069, address: 1820 Edgumbe Rd, Saint Paul, MN 55116-2406; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy Inc., 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401, is requesting parkland diversion of approximately 5,250 square feet in the southeast corner of Highland Park, as shown on the attached maps, to design and install an above ground gas house for the purposes of pipeline inspection and service, and that will be connected to recently replaced underground gas pipelines that serve western areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, said diversion would be granted as a license to use the land for the gas house, pipes leading into the gas house, and related facilities, and for operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that the park land is of an adequate size, shape and location for installation and maintenance of the gas house and gas pipes, that the gas house will be designed and landscaped to complement and blend into the park the neighborhood, and recommends Commission support for the request; and that Xcel Energy warrants that it will restore any damaged facilities, including replacement and maintenance of any plantings impacted by construction until healthy and accepted by city staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission concurs with the request to divert a portion of City parkland known as Highland Park, just to the north of the intersection of Lexington Parkway South, Montreal Avenue and West 7th St., and in accordance with City Charter Section 13.01.1 recommends approval by the Saint Paul City Council.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on April 8, 2015:

Approved:	Yeas	—
	Nays	—
	Absent:	—

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Attested to by:

 Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission



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