

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Addi Jadin, Park Planning and Development Manager
Mitchell Overton, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Utility Easement and License Agreement with Northwestern Energy for Christie Fields and Langhor Park

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Property

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Utility Easement and License Agreement with Northwestern Energy for Christie Fields and Langhor Park

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.5 Parks, Trails & Open Space: Support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces.

BACKGROUND: Northwestern Energy seeks to establish new utility easements and upgrade and relocate power lines at two locations within City of Bozeman Parks in order to serve Montana State University increased demand.

At Christy Fields, the request is to establish a new easement to allow the installation of underground electrical line along the north property boundary and one new power pole to elevate the underground line to overhead poles west of the park. The project would eliminate the existing overhead lines that run just outside Christie in the backyard of the residences neighboring the park. With minimal disruption to the park in an area void of trees or vegetation, the project can be completed and improve views into and within the park. The existing mature trees in neighboring homes would be less impacted by the provision of the park easement instead of an upgrade within the existing location.

At Langhor Park, the request is to establish a new easement where existing overhead lines are currently located without an easement. This will include removing the existing 45-foot poles and single circuit overhead three phase line and replacing them with 50-foot poles and double circuit, three phase, overhead line. Spans will range between 175-200 feet between poles and there will be 8 overhead conductors. All the poles within Langhor Park will be placed in the same location as the existing with the exception of one pole in the gardens which will be relocated to the west of the garden and existing trail.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: NA.

ALTERNATIVES:

Per commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS:

Northwestern energy will pay the cost of the easement as determined by the appraisal company and for the cost of the appraiser's services.

Attachments:

[Christie-Langhor_NWE-License-Agreement_with-Exhibit.pdf](#)

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