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<b>Committee:</b> Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board	<b>Date:</b> 8/14/2023
<b>Common Council Item Number:</b> ID#23-7461	<b>Date:</b> September 5, 2023
<b>Submitted By:</b> Ron Grall, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Melissa Lipska, Parks & Forestry Operations Manager	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Gina Kozlik, Interim City Administrator, <b>GK</b>
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Joe Ciurro, Finance Director, <b>JC</b>	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney, <b>BR</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Review and act on (recommendation to Common Council) termination of easement agreement regarding pedestrian walkway on Bryant property adjacent to Cardinal Ridge Park.	

**Details:**  
 In 2013, the City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department obtained a pedestrian walkway easement on the A. W. Bryant property adjacent to Cardinal Ridge Park. Since that time, Cardinal Ridge Park has not been developed to connect trails. The Southeast Wisconsin Land Conservancy is looking to purchase the Bryant property, and restore the site to natural habitat. The land becoming a conservancy changes its use and purpose. The City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department recommends termination of the walkway easement to facilitate the property becoming a natural restored conservancy.

**Options & Alternatives:**  
 Cardinal Ridge Park will be developed in the future, and the property will have trails for people to utilize. The Bryant property will serve the area as a natural conservancy.

**Financial Remarks:**  
 There are no financial implications to the City. The City may save funding in the long term by having less trails to maintain.

**Executive Recommendation:**  
 The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board recommends to the Common Council termination of easement agreement regarding pedestrian walkway on Bryant property adjacent to Cardinal Ridge Park..