

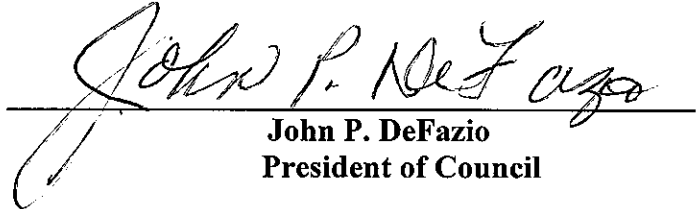
APPOINTMENT

Approving the reappointment of Jim Converse to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (South Park), for a term to expire on December 1, 2017.


SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PALMIERE

In Council DEC. 1st, 2015.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



John P. DeFazio
President of Council

Attest: 

Jared Barker
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council



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Nomination for Reappointment

Friends of the Parks Nomination Form

Council Member John Palmiere

Nominee: Jim Converse

Address: 1901 Sleepy Hollow Road South Park, PA 15129

Phone: 412-831-2114 Email: jim.w.converse@comcast.net

This nominee shall be a member of the Council of Friends of South Park. He/She is representative of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports & Athletic Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Advocates | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Professional Land Surveyor

Council Member Signature: *John F. Palmiere*

Date: 11/23/15

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PROFESSIONAL RESUME FOR JAMES W. CONVERSE P.L.S.

EDUCATION

**Robert Morris College School of Business Administration
graduated June 6,1964 with an Associates Degree in Science**

**University of Pittsburgh-graduated April 18,1969 with a Bachelor of Science in Business
Administration**

Additional Education

Completed P.S.L.S. Surveyor's Review (13 weeks) Course September, 1979

Attended Land Surveyors' Legal Seminar February 23,1980

**Attended Pennsylvania State Surveyors Conference January, 1981
(attended 2-1/2 day session on Storm Water Management Principles)**

**Attended American Conference on Surveying & Mapping Class on Evidence and Procedure for
Boundary Location April 20, 1985.**

**Attended Pennsylvania Boundary Law and Adjoining Land Owners's Dispute Conference offered
by Professional Education Systems, Inc. on December 19, 1986.**

Attended Pennsylvania State Surveyor Conference January,1987.

**Attended Storm water Management Course offered by the Pennsylvania Society of Land
Surveyors fall of 1988. This was a 13 week course.**

Attended Pennsylvania State Surveyors Conference January, 1989.

**Attended computerized Storm water Management Course offered by the Pennsylvania Society of
Land Surveyors Southwest Chapter. This was in the fall of 1990 and lasted for 9 weeks.**

**Attended Pennsylvania State Surveyors Conference January, 1990.
(attended course on "Analysis of revisions to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code" Act 247 of
1968 as amended by Act 170 of 1988)**

Attended Pennsylvania State Surveyors Conference January 1991,1992,1993, 1994, 1998,1999,2000, 2001 & 2002

Coordinated and attended Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors course on rational design methods for storm water management, a 9 week course winter of 1994. Received certification on March 18,1994.

Completed a course on Auto Cad at CCAC South Campus in the fall of 1996.

Completed a course on Subdivision design using Eagle Point's computer program at CCAC Boyce Campus.

Completed a course on Windows 95 at CCAC Bethel Campus Spring 1998

Attended Pennsylvania State Surveyors Conference January 26-29 2003. Completed the following classes: GPS Applications, introduction to GIS, GPS Project Feasibility, and GPS Understanding the Basics.

Attended national Business Institute Class on "Boundary Law in Pennsylvania. April 2,2003 Completed the following classes: What a Modern Survey should reflect, Fundamentals of a survey, Types of Surveys, Surveyors Obligation to the Client, Certification and Seal why when & where, Unresolved Boundaries, Unwritten title transfers, Resolution of boundary disputes, Water boundaries, Ethics, and Municipal Boundary Disputes

Attended Nation Business Institutes's Class on "Road and Access Law in Pennsylvania". August 19,2003 "How to Research and Resolve Access Disputes" Completed the following classes: Title Insurance Issues, Typical Road and Access Problems, Methods of Public Road Creation, Use of Roads, Abandonment and Vacation and the "Time line of Major Right of Way Legislation in Pennsylvania.

Attended "Advanced Land Use Litigation in Pennsylvania arranged by Lorman Education Services, presented by Robert W. Kennedy Jr. Esquire, Jon Pushinsky Esquire and David F. Toal Esquire on June 30th, 2005.

Attended " Preserving Land Use Development Rights Through Subdivision, Annexation and Zoning Laws in Pennsylvania, arranged by National Business Institute December 2005, presented by Scott R. Dismukes, Esquire, Donald P. Graham, Esquire, Theodore A. McConnell, Esquire, and David J. Montgomery, Esquire

Attended "A Step-by-Step Guide to Understanding Easements, arranged by National Business Institue May 2008. Presented by Jeremy A. Mercer, Esquire, Walter A. Bunt, Esquire, Heather L. Lamparter, Equire, Joseph J. Porcello, Equire. Class covered the following Foundational Principles of Easements, Creating and Drafting Easements with Success, Termination of Existing Easements, Enforcement of Easements and Effectively Resolving Easement Disputes.

May 2010

Training on Trimble GPS static/opus equipment at Precision Laser Training Center 85 11th Street Ambridge, Pa
8 hours. No certificate received.

September 28th and 29th, 2010

Training on the new Leica Viva Total Station and leica's current static G.P.S. Unit **16 hours of training** on their software and in the field with Frank Lenik, PLS Technical Sales Leica Geosystems, phone 856-769-9218, Cell 856-275-3210, Fax 856-769-9218 and e-mail frank.lenik@leicaus.com Classes were at Tetra Tech offices in Greentree, Pa.

Leica Geosystems Inc. 48 North Main Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098, Technical Support 800-327-4773, service 770-326-9625. ***On September 6th 2011 Mark Kuehn from leica's Technical Support and Training Service Department has e-mailed me that I will be receiving a certificate for this class.***

September 16th, 2010

Surveyor dinner with Andy Hilt of P.S.L.S., speaking on the new requirement for continuing education by Pa. Board. No certificate received. **1 hour of training**

January 13th 2011

Pgh. Chapter Pa. Society of Professional Engineers meeting in Pittsburgh Pa., have certificate of completion for **1 hour of training.** Name of talk "Impact of the Marcellus Shale Industry on West Pa.." This was a speak on why we need engineers, surveys and others in connection with the Marcellus Shale Industry.

February 8th, 2011

Follow up training on RTK uses for the new Leica Viva Total Station and Leica Software. **8 hours of training** on their software and in the field with Mark Kuehn Training supervisor and Frank Lenik, PLS Technical Sales Leica Geosystems, phone 856-769-9218, Cell 856-275-3210, Fax 856-769-9218 and e-mail frank.lenik@leicaus.com, Leica Geosystems Inc. 48 North Main Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098, Technical Support 800-327-4773, service 770-326-9625. Classes were at Tetra Tech offices in Greentree, Pa. ***On September 6th 2011 Mark Kuehn from Leica's Technical Support and Training Service Department has e-mailed me that I will be receiving a certificate for this class.***

March 10th, 2011

Geomatics Workshops, 13130 Graymist Drive-Charlotte, NC., 28215 Class titled **Floodplains and FEMA/NFIP Diploma for 8 hours class time**, class was in Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 15th 2011

GNSS(GPS) /GIS Data Systems discussion of equipment, levels of accuracy, sources and assessment of information by Brent Birth P.L.S and Robert Priest, P.S. at Tetra Tech's Pittsburgh Office. Received certificate for one hour of training. **Certificate of completion received**

April 10th, 2011.

GPS Guidelines and Standards, an on line class, by SurveyPDU.com, 7531 Hwy, 59 Oskaloosa, KS 66066. **certificate of completion received for 8 Professional hours.**

Nov. 17th 2011

The future of the Surveyor on a construction job site, at the Hard Rock Cafe, Station Square Pgh, Pa. Certificate of one PDH

April 18th 2012

Ethics and Professionalism class by Donald Housley, PLS and Terry S. Siefers PLS present by the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyor at Damons Restrurant, Robinson Township, Pa.

April 28th 2012

Fema Elevation Certificate class by Kim Galindo PHD, Hazard Mitigation Specialist, FEMA at Carpenters Training Facility, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205

May 22nd 2012

Pa One Call Safely Working Near Trenches and Excavation by Steve Sptatrai One Call Trainer Pittsburgh,Pa. at Carpenters Training Facility, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205

June 9th 2012

Ethics for Surveyor and Engineers by D. Robert Davidson, Esq.,P.L.S. at Carpenters Training Facility, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205

August 22nd 2012

Annual Oil and Gas Industry Training by Pa. Department of Environmental Protection At Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. 15301

September 28th 2012

Mock Trail for Surveyors by Pa Society of Land Surveyors Southwest Chapter, Presentor Gary Kent, LS at Delmont, Pa.

October 4th and 10th 2012

10 Hour OSHA Construction Training by Camille Villanova, Safety Specialist, Stock Enterpriese at Carpenters Training Facility, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205

May 18th 2013

Subdivison and Land Development Process. Training by R. Robert Davidson Esq.P.L.S., AICP and James Uziel ,Deputy Allegheny County Department of Real Estate. At Carpenters Training Facility, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205

September 19th 2013

Right of way Plan presentation for Penn Dot by Jacqueline Evans PE, Penn Dot District 11 Right of Way Adminstrator.

Professional Associations

I have been a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors since 1975.

I have been a Professional Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since March 23,1978. My registration number is 27121-E.

I was a member of the Surveyors in Practice Association of Western Pennsylvania when it was in existence.

I was the treasurer of the Southwest Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors from 1979 to 1983. I have been a member of the Southwest Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors Board of Directors from 1979 to 1997 when I was elected President of the Southwest Chapter for the years 1998 & 1999. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Chapter and treasurer of this chapter.

Community Activities

I was Treasurer of the South Park Sewer Authority from June 10,1991 until December 31,1997 when the Authority was disbanded.

I was one of the South Park board members to the Bethel Park Municipal Sewer Authority from June 10,1991 until December 31,1994.

I was a member of the Committee that developed the Allegheny County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance that was published in June of 1998.

I am currently a committee man in election district 6 for The Democratic Party of South Park Township.

I am on the Engineering advisory board for the C CAC South Hills from 2003 until the present

I am on the Engineering advisory board for Point Park College from 2005 until the present.

I am the Treasurer of the Friends of South Park

Work Experience

My father was an engineer and surveyor for Allegheny County and worked for himself parttime doing surveying. He taught me surveying when I was 13 . I would go out in the field with him and he also showed me how to draw up the survey plans, as well as do the field work. After graduating from Robert Morris College in June 1964, I went to work for G. C. Murphy Co. as a trainee while attending college on a part time basis until 1968 when I went back to college full time. During this time I worked for my dad at Converse Surveying. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in April 1969, I returned to work at G.C. Murphy Co. and in few months was given a planning department assignment in the Construction Division. During this period I continued to worked part time for Converse Surveying. In Oct. of 1985 G. C. Murphy Co. was acquired by Ames Department Stores. At that time I returned to Converse Surveying on a full time basis. April of 2010 to April of 2013 worked part time as Survey Group Manager Tetra Tech NUS, Pittsburgh Office plus running Converse Surveying on a part time basis. Currently I am operating Converse Surveying on a full time bases with 6 employees



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December 2, 2015

Mr. Jim Converse
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Dear Mr. Converse:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on December 1, 2015 Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Council of Friends to South Park for a term to expire on December 1, 2017.

We congratulate you on your reappointment and wish you the best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Yours truly,

John Palmiere
District 6 Representative

cc: Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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