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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

5:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

John Palmiere, Chair;

*Patrick Catena, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Bob Macey, Sue Means and Anita Prizio,
Members.*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:14.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Baechle was present from the Parks Department.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Cindy Kirk, Sue Means, Anita Prizio and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 3 - Patrick Catena, Nick Futules and Bob Macey

Members 1 - DeWitt Walton

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[10617-18](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

**A motion was made by Means, seconded by Prizio, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10576-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing demolition of certain structures in Elizabeth Township, in the County's Round Hill Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized its provisions, noting that the bill provided for the demolition of antiquated restroom facilities.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle indicated that the demolished restrooms were replaced by temporary portable facilities, but that the desire is to have permanent replacements in place at some point in the future. Mr. McKain and Mr. Baechle discussed how that has been accomplished in other parks.

A motion was made by Means, seconded by Kirk, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[10577-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

authorizing Mon Yough Community Services to use real property off of Muse Road in the County's White Oak Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized its provisions, noting that Angora Gardens has been in operation by Mon Yough Community Services for years at a rental rate of \$1,000 per month to provide mental health and drug/alcohol rehabilitation, recreational programs for individuals with neurological damage, and the like. Mr. Baechle and Mr. McKain noted that Mon Yough had been a good partner and had made roughly \$250,000 in improvements to the facility, and had kept their insurance and other procedural requirements in order.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain offered to obtain information reflecting the number of individuals who are served and noted that Mon Yough provides their financial statements to the County.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle and Mr. McKain indicated that they are not sure off the top of their heads whether Mon Yough pays for the utilities at the facility or not.

A motion was made by Means, seconded by Kirk, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[10579-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing L.L. Bean Inc. to use property in the County's North Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title fo the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized its provisions, delineating the terms of the lease and describing the educational activities provided by LL Bean. Mr. Baechle noted that they are not permitted to compete with Venture Outdoors, and that the County receives both a base rental amount of just over \$3,000 per year, with an additional amount based upon the number of participants.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle and Mr. McKain noted that LL Bean's activities do not interfere with any of the other activities in the park, and described how the program is advertised.

Ms. Means expressed a desire to see a comprehensive list of who rents which facilities long term in which parks, as well as the uses to which other facilities are put in the parks. Mr. McKain offered to compile and provide a list.

A motion was made by Means, seconded by Kirk, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34.