

Bill No. **8728-15**

No. **2-15-OR**

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement to extend a lease with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP), for the continued operation and maintenance of Wagman Observatory in Deer Lakes Park.

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1986, Allegheny County and the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) entered into a lease agreement for the construction, operation and maintenance of an Astronomical Observatory in Deer Lakes Park; and

WHEREAS, the Wagman Observatory has been built, maintained and operated by the AAAP under said lease and utilized and enjoyed by thousands of Allegheny County residents at no cost to the County. The AAAP will continue to offer this community program at Deer Lakes Park, provide general facility maintenance and/or pay the County \$200 per year for use of said facility. The AAAP will provide all required liability insurance and fire insurance.

WHEREAS, the AAAP and the County desire to continue the lease; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 2(k) of the Allegheny County Home rule Charter vests County Council with the power and duty by ordinance to authorize the lease or permit the use of County real property.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of the Preamble

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as set forth in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. Authorization to permit the use of County Real Property

- A. Allegheny County Council hereby approves the continuation of a contract to the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) for the continued operation and maintenance of Wagman Observatory in Deer Lakes Park.
- B. Council hereby acknowledges the contract for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, subject to the terms and conditions as more fully outlined in the Contract. At the County's sole option, the Agreement may be extended for two additional years.

- C. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to prepare and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the lease of the property.

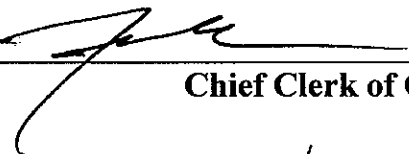
SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repealer. Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Resolution.

Enacted in Council, this 3rd day of February, 2015,

Council Agenda No. 8728-15


John DeFazio
President of Council

Attest: 
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office February 4, 2015

Approved: 
Rich Fitzgerald
County Executive

Attest: 
Sonya Dietz
Executive Secretary



ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

**TO: WILLIAM McKAIN, COUNTY MANAGER
BARBARA M. PAREES, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER
STEPHEN E. PILARSKI, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER**

CC: ANDREW F. SZEFI, COUNTY SOLICITOR

FROM: Andrew G. Baechle, Director of Parks

DATE: January 9, 2015

**RE: DEER LAKES PARK – AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS
ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH (AAAP)**

The Department of Parks respectfully requests authorization to extend a lease with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP), for the continued operation and maintenance of Wagman Observatory in Deer Lakes Park.

Please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Baechle at 412-350-2460 if you have any questions or need additional information.

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MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

TO: Jared E. Barker
Allegheny County Council

FROM: William D. McKain CPA
County Manager

DATE: January 14, 2015

RE: Proposed Ordinance

Attached is an Ordinance authorizing an Agreement to extend a lease with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP), for the continued operation and maintenance of Wagman Observatory in Deer Lakes Park.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed this legislation prior to submitting it to Council.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

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COUNCIL