

# Allegheny County Council

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

4:00 PM

Conference Room I

### Committee on Parks

*Nicholas Futules-Chair*

*Members: James Ellenbogen, Michael J. Finnerty, Heather S. Heidelbaugh, Robert J. Macey, Sue Means, and John Palmiere*

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.*

### Invited Guests:

**William D. McKain, CPA-County Manager or Desginee**

**Andy Baechle-Director, Parks Department**

*Mr. Baechle was present from Parks Department*

*Mr. Pilarski was present from the Manager's Office*

*Council President DeFazio was present as a non-committee member*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 4 - Futules, Michael Finnerty, Bob Macey and Sue Means

**Members Absent:** 3 - Jim Ellenbogen, Heather Heidelbaugh and John Palmiere

## III. Approval of Minutes

[8581-14](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks Committee of Allegheny County Council held on June 25th, 2014

**Passed**

## IV. Agenda Items

### Ordinances

[8569-14](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement with the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League known as the Mon Valley Express Drum and Bugle Corp for the use of Exhibit Building #7 near the Fairgrounds in South Park.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*The Chair asked the clerk to read the title of the ordinance into the record and Mr. Baechle was invited to the table to review its provisions.*

*Mr. Baechle reviewed the history of the agreements with the County and the Western PA Police Athletic League Bugle corp.*

*Ms. Means inquired about the location of Exhibit Building #7.*

*Mr. Baechle stated that in lieu of rent, the Bugle Corp has paid for maintenance on the building in the past.*

*Ms. Means inquired about how the contract price was negotiated. Mr. Finnerty stated that the County had set the fees in the past. Ms. Means requested to see a copy of the "book" containing fees charged for the rental of the buildings.*

*Mr. Futules stated that \$200 a month for the full year was fair because it accounted for rental income during months in which people did not normally seek the rentals of park buildings.*

*Mr. Baechle stated that all of the exhibit buildings were approximately the same size.*

**Affirmatively Recommended**

Enactment No: 21-14-OR

[8570-14](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement with the Western PA Police Athletic League, Inc. for the use of the Maintenance Barn on Center Road in Boyce Park.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Mr. Baechle stated that the Maintenance Barn was unique because fees had not formerly been charged for this location. The organization has been in the park since 1999 but they have not previously been under contract until now. This will be the first time a fee has been collected for this location.*

*Mr. Futules inquired about who pays the electric bill for the facility. Mr. Baechle stated that there were no individual meters but the County estimates their contribution for such.*

*Mr. Finnerty inquired about the length of the agreement. Mr. Baechle stated that the contract was for a term of three years.*

*Mr. Finnerty suggested that the the contract be amended to two years. Mr. Finnerty submitted an amendment to the proposed ordinance reflecting the change in term. Mr. Macey seconded the amendment the committee members unanimously approved the amendment to a two-year contract.*

*Ms. Means stated that she was more comfortable with the shorter term and said she was concerned that the low rent would not cover the costs of just the utilities. Mr. Baechle stated that he was instructed to place all groups under contract with an established fee and that the terms could be adjusted over time. Previously these groups had operated in these buildings at no cost and without a formal agreement.*

**Amended and Affirmatively Recommended as Amended**

Enactment No: 22-14-OR

[8571-14](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement with South Park Boxing, Inc. for the use of The Boxing Barn on 100 Acre Drive near the Fairgrounds in South Park.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Ms. Means inquired about the insurance on the building in relation to the expired contract. Mr. Baechle clarified that the County has insurance currently and will place future insurance obligations on the organization. The organization will pay for fire insurance and the County currently has liability.*

**Amended and Affirmatively Recommended as Amended**

Enactment No: 23-14-OR

## V. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.*