

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 18, 2007**

**6:00 PM**

**Conference Room I**

### **Committee on Parks**

*Joan Cleary, Chair; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, and Jan Rea - Members*

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Andy Baechle, Director, Parks**

**Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Mr. Baechle*

*Council staff in attendance: John Mascio and Jared Barker*

**II. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Jim Burn, Matt Drozd, Joan Cleary, and Council Member Rich Fitzgerald

Absent: Michael Finnerty, and Jan Rea

Phone: Susan Caldwell

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**3477-07** Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2007 Parks Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Caldwell, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items****Ordinances**

**3009-07** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 07-06, the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities.

**Sponsors:** Vince Gastgeb, Jan Rea, Susan Caldwell, Matt Drozd, Bob Macey, Michael Finnerty and Jim Burn

**Summary:** *Mr. Gastgeb provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the bill would amend the existing parks fee ordinance to allow individuals, groups or other entities renting or paying a fee for the use of any park facility to make a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 or more to the parks. He said that these voluntary contributions would be used solely for the improvement and/or maintenance of existing park facilities, including but not limited to groves, playground equipment, pavilions, buildings or other structures, paved thoroughfares, riding trails, skating rinks and ski slopes.*

*Mr. Flynn spoke in favor of the bill. He said that it did not make sense to have our own 501(C)3 status if one already exists. He said that maybe they could set up a special account fund if any money collected could be used for the applicable park in which it was collected. He said he would be in favor of setting up such an account for each park.*

*Mr. Drozd offered an amendment to that affect. The amendment was approved.*

**Action:** A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Caldwell, that this matter be Amended and Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**3011-07** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing the creation of a tax-exempt entity with a mission to secure and administer financial resources to support and enhance objectives of the Parks Department.

**Sponsors:** Vince Gastgeb, Susan Caldwell, Bob Macey, Matt Drozd, Jan Rea, Michael Finnerty and Jim Burn

**Action:** Withdrawn

**3447-07** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Quantum Theatre the use of Hartwood Stables Complex in Hartwood Park to conduct a play.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Baechle provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that bill would retroactively authorize and approve Quantum Theatre to utilize the Stable Complex in Allegheny County's Hartwood Park during the month of August 2007 to conduct a play "Le Grand Meaulnes."*

*The bill states that Quantum Theatre will be responsible for the entire venue. However, there is no lease agreement accompanying the ordinance.*

**Action:** A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Caldwell, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

## V. Adjournment

**Summary:** *The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM*