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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

4:30 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

John Palmiere, Chair;

Patrick Catena, James Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Bob Macey and Sue Means, Members.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34.

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. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 3 - Ed Kress, Sue Means and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 4 - Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey

Members Phone: 1 - Patrick Catena

Members 1 - Paul Klein

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

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Motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Discussion Topic - Friends of the Park Handbook

The Chair discussed the current Friends of the Park handbook, noting that some of the Friends councils are more active than others, and that the intent behind the concept grew from an idea that Ms. Means had to provide some guidance to the Friends regarding the parameters within which they operate. The Chair noted that the Friends were created by Council, which also has appointment power for the Friends members.

At the request of the Chair, the clerk reviewed the current draft of the guidelines.

Mr. Kress and the clerk discussed the naming rights ordinance, insurance provisions, and tax implications of fundraising by the Friends councils.

The Chair reviewed a conversation that he had with the Chair of the Friends of South Park regarding the guidelines, and noted that, once she fully understood the intent behind the guidelines, she was supportive of the concept.

Ms. Means described some of the fundraising activities that have been undertaken by the Friends of South Park, and noted that the Friends of South Park are the only Friends council that has submitted financial records to date as far as she knows.

The Chair and Ms. Means discussed some of the other activities that have been undertaken in the past that may go a little further than the Council would deem optimal.

The Committee agreed to offer a motion to approve the current draft at the next regular meeting of Council.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.