

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 29, 2005**

**5:30 PM**

**Conference Room I**

### **Committee on Parks**

*Joan Cleary, Chair; John DeFazio, Rich Nerone, and Jan Rea, Members*

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 5:31.*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Andy Baechle, Director, Parks**

**Summary:** *Recognized Attendees: Andy Baechle*

*Council Staff: Barker, Catanese*

**II. Roll Call**

***Roll Call:*** Present: Joan Cleary, and John DeFazio

Absent: Rich Nerone, and Jan Rea

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**2151-05** Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2005 Parks Committee Meeting.

**Summary:** *Motion to Approve: Defazio, Cleary*

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

**IV. Agenda Items****Ordinance**

**2135-05** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of County Park Facility for a charity purpose.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *The Chair deferred to Director Baechle.*

*Director Baechle: The haunted house at North Park runs from September 30 through October 30 and benefits the Make a Wish Foundation. Western Pennsylvania Children's Charities bid the highest to rent the property at just a little over \$18,000 per year as a flat rental rate, plus all maintenance inside and outside of the building. Maintenance has been an issue with these contracts in the past.*

*The Chair asked what problems have existed and whether this was the same organization renting the property.*

*Director Baechle: Maintenance had been the issue, but we're hopeful that it is resolved.*

*Mr. Defazio asked if he is correct that there's a haunted house in North and South parks at this point.*

*Director Baechle indicated that this is correct, and that the rental agreement for the facility at South Park had been executed last year.*

*Mr. Defazio asked if this would be re-bid at the end of the contract.*

*Director Baechle indicated that it would be.*

*Motion to Approve: Defazio, Cleary*

*VV*

*The Chair indicated that there is a need to look at the Friends of the Park groups to see if anything needs to be done about expired appointments and the like. Some Friends Councils may need more people or have attendance issues, etc.*

*Director Baechle indicated that he just provided information on who is showing up for meetings.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by DeFazio, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Enactment No: 44-05-OR**

**V. Adjournment**

**Summary:**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:37.*