

Bill No. 3709-08

## **APPOINTMENT**

Approving the reappointment of Roy Kraynyk to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

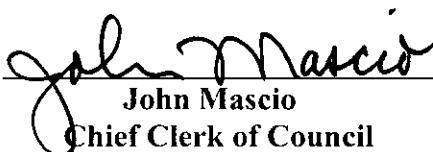
In Council March 18, 2008.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

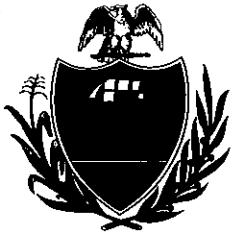


Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

Attest:



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Chief Clerk of Council



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

Honorable President and Members  
Allegheny County Council  
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Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Roy Kraynyk, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

The purpose of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board is to purchase the development rights of undeveloped farm land in Allegheny County. These development rights are held as easements against the property, meaning that the land cannot be developed. This board was created by state law and its activities are funded by the State. I am recommending that Mr. Kraynyk serve another 3-year term ending on December 31, 2008.

Mr. Kraynyk is the current Director of Community Conservation Planning with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, where he is involved with the Regional Gateway Garden Program.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Mr. Kraynyk will make himself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with him.

Sincerely,



Dan Onorato

# Roy Kraynyk

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<b>Objective</b>	To apply my commitment to land conservation, professional skills, and diverse experience towards a career in conservation-oriented land use and recreational projects.
<b>Key Skills</b>	<p>Conservation – I have been involved in land conservation in one way or another throughout my entire career. From my volunteer work with the Hollow Oak Land Trust to authoring conservation planning studies for Allegheny County and, currently, working to revitalize struggling urban areas for Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, my goal has been to conserve land.</p> <p>Development – I have a very successful track record in non-profit fundraising. I have thorough knowledge of proposal writing, reimbursement procedures, challenge grants, follow-up reporting and have been responsible for the accounting of grant funds. Over the past ten years I have authored dozens of grant proposals to state, federal, private and corporate entities that have resulted in almost \$6 million for land conservation, civic beautification and brownfield redevelopment projects.</p> <p>Community Organizing – I currently work with local officials and civic groups throughout western PA to recruit hands-on volunteers, cultivate sponsors and coordinate hundreds of individuals and private and government service providers annually for community garden projects. As a volunteer, I organized a successful land trust and an alliance of diverse civic groups to conduct a water quality study.</p>
<b>Major Projects</b>	<p>Greenway Planning and Development – My professional and volunteer career has included greenway planning at the county and local level. I was the Project Manager for <i>Allegheny County Greenways</i> and the <i>Conservation Corridors Plan</i>, and drafted the <i>Montour Greenway Plan</i> for which I worked as a volunteer to promote and implement. I negotiated agreements that lead to the conservation of 200 acres in the Montour Greenway.</p> <p>Watershed Planning – I conceived the Montour Watershed Planning Project and, as a member of the Project Management Committee, I authored many sections of the report <i>Montour Watershed - A Case for Conservation</i> - an unprecedented comprehensive study and master plan for the watershed that was funded by DCNR and private funders. The project included a thorough inventory and analysis of land uses; natural, recreational, and cultural resources; a master plan for development; a survey of the public's opinion toward conservation and development, and a list of recommendations to sustain the watershed's value as a regional recreational amenity. Montour is now on the PA Rivers Registry as a result of the project.</p> <p>Visual Interactive Code (VIC™) &amp; BLUEPRINTS™ – I served as the land planning consultant on a team of professionals to computerize and illustrate exemplary land use ordinances for municipalities facing rapid growth. Preservation of community character, conservation subdivision and open space planning are a few of the topics addressed.</p> <p>Regional Gateway Gardens – As Director of Community Conservation Planning for the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, I am designing and implementing high-profile community “Gateway” beautification projects which involves community organizing, volunteer coordination, contract management, contractor supervision, fundraising and a host of other activities to sustain the gardens. I'm currently in charge of expanding WPC's Gateway Garden Program into central Pennsylvania.</p>

<b>Volunteer Initiatives</b>	<p>Hollow Oak Land Trust – As the founder and president for the first nine years, I managed the growth, direction and image of HOLT and negotiated all land transactions with landowners or their representatives. Under my volunteer leadership, six parcels totaling approximately 300 acres worth \$1 million were conserved in the airport area. Through fee simple acquisition, bargain sale and donation, the land was acquired for less than \$150,000. I worked closely with civic leaders, local business and landowners to promote land conservation. I was the primary author of many grant proposals, press releases, brochures, planning studies, maps and various other publications. HOLT operated as a volunteer organization for six years until its growth required the hiring of a part-time staff person. I retired from the board in March of 2000 when my term expired.</p>
<b>Employment History</b>	<p>Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Director, Community Conservation Planning, 1997– present I am primarily involved with the Regional Gateway Garden Program, which is intended to revitalize struggling communities in western Pennsylvania with high-profile beautification projects. I am engaged with all levels of government, budget management, bid document preparation, design, community outreach, volunteer coordination, grant and contract management, fundraising and project supervision.</p>
	<p>Allegheny County Departments of Economic Development and Planning, 1991–1997 As project manager, I wrote subdivision and land development reviews, managed several conservation planning studies and developed the first conceptual master plan for reuse of the former airport terminal property. I developed close working relationships with numerous local, county and state officials and provided technical support to many local conservation and recreation-oriented groups.</p>
	<p>Steven Victor Associates, 1988 – 1991 As a landscape architect associate, I performed site planning, design and feasibility studies for a wide range of residential and commercial projects. I developed site analysis and design skills that I could apply towards conservation-based site planning and design – the layout and design of land development projects to protect and capitalize on valuable natural, cultural and recreational resources.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p>Pennsylvania State University – B.S. with honors in Landscape Architecture, 1988 Robert Morris College – Real Estate, 1977; license in escrow Multitude of seminars on project management, supervision, conservation, land use and related topics.</p>
<b>Individual* &amp; Project Awards</b>	<p><i>Allegheny County Greenways Report</i> *International Level Merit Award from the Society of Technical Communicators (STC) *Award of Excellence from the local chapter of STC <i>Montour Watershed – A Case for Conservation</i> Construction Engineer Council of PA – 2000 Diamond Honor Award <i>PA BLUEPRINTS™</i> – American Society of Landscape Architects – 1999 Merit Award *Certificate of Appreciation for Preservation of Open Space – Moon Township Supervisors</p>
<b>Committees &amp; Boards</b>	<p>Allegheny County Agriculture Preservation Board – current member Hollow Oak Land Trust Board 1991 – 2000, founder and current past president Strategic Parks Planning Initiative – WPC representative Sustainable Pittsburgh (various committees) – WPC representative Wildlife Habitat Council Steering Committee – WPC co-representative DEP Citizen Volunteer Water Monitoring Panel – current nonprofit organization representative SPRDC Agriculture Development Committee 1993 – former Allegheny County representative SPRPC Transportation Task Force 1993 – former Allegheny County representative</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>Available upon request</p>

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