### **APPOINTMENT**

Approving the appointment of George R. Jucha, Jr. to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on August 19, 2016.

#### SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON

In Council	AUG.	194	, 2014.
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Read and approved by Motion of Council.

John P. DeFazio
President of Council

Aftest:

Jared Barker Chief Clerk

**Allegheny County Council** 



Date: 8/14/14

# **COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY**

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# Nomination

Friends of the Parks Nomination Form

Council Member William Russell Robinson			
Nominee: George R. Jucha, Jr.			
Address: 203 Essex Knoll Drive Moon Township, PA 15108			
Phone: 724-713-6086 Email: gjucha@gmail.com			
This nominee shall be a member of the Council of Friends of <u>Deer Lakes</u> Park. He/She is representative of:			
Labor       Disability Community         Education       Sports & Athletic Programs         Environmental Advocates       Landscape Architecture         Historic Preservation       Other (please specify)			
Council Member Signature:			

July 1, 2014

Dear council members,

I would like to be appointed to the Council of Friends for Deer Lakes Park. Below is my contact information and my interest in serving on the council.

Attached is my professional and recreational resume. I believe I will be a great addition to this council.

George R. Jucha, Jr.
203 Essex Knoll Drive
Moon Township, PA 15108
Cell: 724-713-6086
email: gjucha@gmail.com and/or gjucha@hotmail.com
Resident of Allegheny County for 49+ years (I turn 50 in August:)
I am in district 1 (Tom Baker)

To build on my love for nature, and especially the Allegheny County Parks, which are a great asset to the County and to the state. To contribute my skills to help Deer Lakes, which seems not to get as much attention as some of the larger parks. To share with other council members ideas about how to make the park better known and to be an unbiased steward of the park environment.

#### Professional Biography

2004 - Current - President/Owner of <u>Independent Recycling Services</u>, <u>LLC</u>, recycling brokers specializing in all paper grades, particularly OCC, NEWS, Sorted Office and DLK and plastics - specifically PET, HDPE, mixed and shrink wrap/film. We provide free recycling audits to ensure that our clients maximize their recycling potential while minimizing trash haul/waste. We only work with domestic North American mills for all of our recycling to minimize risk and ensure/preserve the US mills stability. Designed/constructed all files necessary to run the business.

2001 – Current - Adjunct Faculty at the <u>University of Pittsburgh</u> in the Computer Science department. Teaching CS0131, the course includes a comprehensive introduction through intermediate/college level Microsoft Office (with a concentration on Excel), Windows XP, the Internet and general computing. Also teach a section of FP0001, Freshman Programs, in the fall which is designed to assist freshmen with their transition to college providing insight in to the university, student resources and opportunities, and the local area (2005 – Current).

1997 – Current - President/Owner of Great Ideas, Inc., a sub-chapter S corporation. The initial project was the production of "Conquering Computers" – a 52-minute videotape that explains the computer and related devices in easy to understand terms. Great Ideas, Inc. has also provided computer services, marketing assistance, facilitation services and web site design and development to several corporations and organizations including The Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, the Neurology Department of UPMC, Menasha, Auto Driveaway Co., Northstar Pulp and Paper, Post Impressions, Inc., Swirsky Enterprises, Conservation Consultants, Inc., The Pittsburgh Music Academy etc.

1986 – 2001 - Progressive finance and accounting experience with Kaufmann's Department Store, a division of The May Department Stores Co. Tenure includes accounts payable management, accounting and expense management/planning, capital project management project costing, a plethora of forecasting and analysis, profit improvement, management(\*) and various other financial responsibilities reporting to the S.V.P. of Finance. By embracing technology developed an exceptional proficiency with computers - particular concentrations in spreadsheets, databases and problem solving with broad other knowledge. Managed the transition expenses, capital projects and assisted with the technical aspects of 3 corporate consolidations/mergers.

(\*) Management included direct responsibility for all Utilities (with emphasis on deregulation, expense reduction/analysis and refined planning), Facilities, Maintenance, Visual/Display and Print/Sign Shop.

## Corporate/Managerial Experience

## MANAGER - CAPITAL and EXPENSE

Kaufmann's Department Store - Pittsburgh, PA

1996 - 2001

- Control over 300 capital projects exceeding \$ 240 million in combined value through the utilization of a series of self designed and programmed databases.
- Manage, budget and project expense accounts totaling \$ 44 million annually to strengthen this major retailer's use of its own financial resources.
- Created and programmed a Lotus based expense and project accounting system to identify previously unrecognized cost trends and provide a more powerful tool for financial control, expense management and profit improvement.
- Re-created the corporate expense system within 72 hours when the existing system crashed by utilizing Lotus spreadsheets to convert data into an asci character template for upload to the mainframe.

## George R. Jucha Jr.

724-713-6086 gjucha@hotmail.com

#### SENIOR FINANCIAL ANALYST/PROFIT IMPROVEMENT MANAGER

Kaufmann's Department Store - Pittsburgh, PA

1994 - 1996

- Managed corporate profit improvement and revenue enhancement projects. Developed and programmed a purchasing control system that more accurately analyzed and forecast expenses.
- ❖ Introduced auditing and review procedures that identified and eliminated unnecessary losses and produced savings in the millions of dollars:
  - > Located a market for scrap and waste paper producing \$ 350,000 of additional annual income.
  - > Reorganized photocopier leases, placement and utilization, saving \$ 225,000.
  - > Produced savings of \$ 750,000 through improved lighting systems/capital projects and energy analysis.
  - > Introduced and improved inventory scanning system that saved \$ 650,000 annually and an energy management system that eliminated \$ 1 million in unnecessary expense.

#### ANALYST - CAPITAL and ENERGY

Kaufmann's Department Store - Pittsburgh, PA

1989 - 1994

- Managed capital projects exceeding \$ 200 million annually. Administered the regional contractor bid process.
- ❖ Devised and programmed a Lotus based energy audit program that analyzed, planned and forecast the utility accounts.

#### ANALYST - ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Kaufmann's Department Store - Pittsburgh, P.A.

1988 - 1989

Managed inventory reconciliation process, corporate reporting functions, etc. Designed, programmed and implemented commission system. Managed the transition expenses and played an integral role in two corporate mergers.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANAGEMENT POSITIONS (4)

Kaufmann's Department Store - Pittsburgh, PA

1986 – 1988

- 1) Manager of Vendor Correspondence (promoted in March 1988)
- 2) Manager of Imports (promoted in August 1987)
- 3) Manager of Invoice Office (promoted in February 1987)
- 4) Manager of Ticketing (September 1986)

#### **EDUCATION**

1988 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Dbase IV – two day intensive course utilized to program and implement a Cosmetic Commission System that paid all sales associates and charged back all respective cosmetic vendors.

1986 Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA
BS Finance; other areas of specialty: Management, Economics and Accounting

#### Outdoor/Activities/Interests

#### **Adventure Vacations**

- August 2010 3 week+ trip visiting the following National Parks: Rocky Mountain National Park, Arapahoe National Forest, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Glenwood Canyon, Mesa Verde National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon North Rim, Canyon De Chelly NM, Monument Valley, Valley of the Gods and more.
  - This trip included hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping (at each location), nature presentations at each National Park put on by park rangers and much more.
  - The highlight of the trip was hiking Angels Landing at Zion National Park
- August 2006 2 1/2 week trip visiting the following National Parks:
   Badlands National Park, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse NM, Yellowstone
   National Park, Zion National Park, Grand Canyon North Rim, Petrified
   Forest, Meteor Crater, and much more.
  - This trip included hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping (at each location), nature presentations at each National Park put on by park rangers and much more.
  - The highlight of the trip was a 3 day hike of the Grand Canyon.

#### Personal Activities

- I have had a PA fishing license since I was 12 yrs old I fish any time I get the chance and have fished most of the streams and lakes in PA and many locations across the country.
- Own a registered Coleman RAM-X 15' canoe with two electric trolling motors that has covered many/most of PA lakes.
- Own a registered Kayak that has been in many of the PA lakes too.
- Own a Canondale mountain bike and Canondale hybrid bike that have both covered literally thousands of miles of trails across PA and the U.S.
- I have hiked many/most of PA's parks, forests and countless others across the country.
- I have camped at countless locations in PA and across the country prefer back country locations.
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- This is only a brief/concise listing of a lifetime spent outdoors.

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## WILLIAM RUSSELL ROBINSON DISTRICT 10

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August 21, 2014

Mr. George R. Jucha, Jr. 203 Essex Knoll Drive Moon Township, PA 15108

Dear Mr. Jucha:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on August 19, 2014 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Council of Friends to Deer Lakes Park for a term to expire on August 19, 2016.

We congratulate you on your appointment and wish you the best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

William Russell Robinson

Council District 10

Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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