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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

John Palmiere - Chair

Members: Jim Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Ed Kress, Bob Macey and Sue Means

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager
Andy Szefi, Allegheny County Solicitor
Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Szefi was present from the Law Department.

Mr. Baechle was present from the Parks Department.

Mr. Varhola, Ms. Antanis and Mr. Meritt were present from Duquesne Light.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 2 - Michael Finnerty and Bob Macey

Members Absent: 5 - John Palmiere, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Ed Kress

Members Phone: 1 - Sue Means

III. Approval of Minutes

[9674-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[9666-16](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey a 25-foot wide easement a distance of approximately 6,650 feet to Duquesne Light Company, having its principal office at 411 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, for the purposes of installing and maintaining two parallel underground electric power transmission lines in Boyce Park, tax parcel No. 975-L-380, on and along Centerview Drive and Deever Road between Center (Monroeville-Trestle) Road and New Texas Road, situate in Plum Borough, for a fair market value of \$60,000.00.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Macey chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Palmiere.

At Mr. Macey's request, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its

provisions, noting that the new electric lines will enhance Duquesne Light's ability to provide service to residents of the Plum Borough area.

In response to questions from Mr. Macey, Mr. Meritt noted that the transmission line would carry 138,000 volts, and that the service enhancement would directly impact roughly 30,000 households.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Meritt noted that the portion of the lines that run through Boyce Park would be entirely underground.

Mr. Finnerty asked about land clearance, and Mr. Meritt indicated that the lines would follow the existing roads within the Park, with a trench to be excavated along the road. Mr. Meritt noted that the excavation should impact very few trees, and Mr. McKain and Mr. Varhola indicated that the placement of the line was specifically chosen to minimize impact upon trees.

In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Ms. Antanis indicated that the entire path through the park would be underground, with access provided through manholes anticipated to lie within the roadway. Mr. Meritt noted that the final design from the project was not yet completed, and that terrain would to some extent dictate manhole placement.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11.