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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

5:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

Nicholas Futules-Chair

Members: James Ellenbogen, Michael J. Finnerty, Heather S. Heidelbaugh, Robert J. Macey, Sue Means, and John Palmiere

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA-County Manager or Desginee

Andy Baechle-Director, Parks Department

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

Mr. Baechle and Mr. Hopson were present from the Parks Department.

Mr. LaMay was present from the Facilities Management Department.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 3 - Futules, Michael Finnerty and Sue Means

Members Absent: 3 - Jim Ellenbogen, Heather Heidelbaugh and John Palmiere

Members Phone: 1 - Bob Macey

Members 2 - John DeFazio and Chuck Martoni

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[8749-15](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on October 28, 2014
Passed

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[8695-15](#)

Ordinance of the County of Allegheny granting authorization to demolish the North Park Horse Barn located on McKinney Road.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

The Chair read the title of the bill and deferred to Mr. McKain, Mr. Baechle and Mr. LaMay, who explained its provisions, noting that the demolition cost would be approximately \$30,000.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain and Mr. Baechle discussed the mechanics of the demolition process.

Mr. Finnerty suggested that the barn's condition renders it a safety issue.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. LaMay discussed the budget available for structures within North Park.

Ms. Means and Mr. McKain discussed the number of structures in need of demolition in the parks.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 1-15-OR

[8728-15](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement to extend a lease with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAP), for the continued operation and maintenance of Wagman Observatory in Deer Lakes Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

The Chair read the title of the bill and deferred to Mr. McKain, Mr. Baechle and Mr. Hopson, who summarized its provisions.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle noted that the rental fee should not be a burden on the lessor.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 2-15-OR

[8729-15](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, permitting the use by Allegheny County Budo-Kai for the operation and management of Martial Arts Center.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

The Chair read the title of the bill and deferred to Mr. McKain, Mr. Baechle and Mr. Hopson, who summarized its provisions.

Ms. Means asked whether there may be wisdom in amending the ordinance to include the rental amount. The Chair suggested that she offer an amendment on the floor prior to the final vote if she would like to do so.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 3-15-OR

[8730-15](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement between the County of Allegheny and Family Links, Inc. for leasing of a house and surrounding property located in Boyce Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

The Chair read the title of the bill and deferred to Mr. McKain, Mr. Baechle and Mr. Hopson, who summarized its provisions.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle noted that Family Links has exclusive access to the house.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 4-15-OR

[8731-15](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

authorizing an extension of an agreement with the GATEWAY RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY for the operation and management of the Model Aircraft Field located in Boyce Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

The Chair read the title of the bill and deferred to Mr. McKain, Mr. Baechle and Mr. Hopson, who summarized its provisions.

Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle and the Chair discussed the rental fee history for this group, and Mr. Baechle noted that there really is no extra maintenance associated with this tenant's use.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 5-15-OR

Motions

[8447-14](#)

Motion Approving the "Friends of the Park Handbook" in order to provide a standardized guideline for the operations of the Friends of the Park Organization in their activities and advisory duties to the elected representatives of Allegheny County Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Means and Council Member Palmiere

Returned Without Recommendation

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29.