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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

4:45 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

John Palmiere, Chair;

*James Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Ed Kress, Bob Macey and Sue Means,
Members.*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:53.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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

Mr. Baechle was present from the Parks Department.

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Cindy Kirk, Ed Kress, Sue Means and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 3 - Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules and Bob Macey

Members 2 - Tom Baker and Dimitrios Pantzoulas

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[10424-17](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

A motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Kress, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10386-17](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Boxing, Inc. to use a structure on Hundred Acres Drive in the County's South Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized its provisions, noting that South Park Boxing had used the space for years, and that the rent is set at \$200 per year, with two optional extensions of one year each. Mr. Baechle noted that the building in question has been in use exclusively by this tenant since 2008 and that the tenant maintains the building, but that the County pays the utilities. Mr. McKain noted that South Hills Boxing has been a good partner and is well-regarded in the community.

In response to a question from Ms. Kirk, Mr. Baechle and Mr. McKain noted that most of the participants are youths, but that there are no restrictions on participants' ages.

In response to questions from Mr. Pantzoulas, Mr. Baechle and Mr. McKain noted that there is no charge for participation in the boxing programs but that the organization

raises funds to pay the fees, that the utility cost is negligible, and also indicated that they County's insurance would cover any negligent use of the building.

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

[10387-17](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League to use a structure on Center Road, also known as Monroeville Trestle Road, in the County's Boyce Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized its provisions, noting that the Western PA Police Athletic League had used the space for years, and that the rent is set at \$200 per year, with two optional extensions of one year each. Mr. Baechle noted that the League had occupied the building for 25 years and performs basic maintenance, but the County pays the utility costs. Mr. McKain indicated that the organization has a great reputation in the community. Mr. Baechle noted that the League maintains insurance and pays a \$200 annual rental fee.

In response to a question from Ms. Kirk, Mr. Baechle and Mr. McKain noted that the utilities would have to be kept on in any event to discourage vandalism, prevent pipe freezing, and the like.

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

[10404-17](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Theatre, Inc. to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized its provisions, noting that South Park Theater had used the space for years, and that the rent is set at \$1200 per year, with two optional extensions of one year each. Mr. Baechle noted that South Park Theater encourages involvement in the arts and has been in South Park for years, does basic maintenance on the interior of the bulding that they occupy, and presents plays at a high level, with favorable reviews and extremely favorable ticket prices of \$12 for County residents, and \$15 for non-county residents and musicals.

In response to a question from Mr. Pantzoulas, Mr. Baechle noted that South Park Theater has exclusive access to the building that they occupy.

The Chair noted that he came across the theater while he was running in the park, and that he has been very impressed with their productions.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07.