

APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Andrew Baechle to serve as a member of the Regional Trail Corporation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

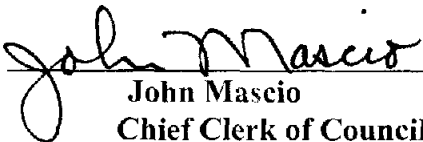
In Council November 15, 2005.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

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County of Allegheny

DAN ONORATO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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October 13, 2005

Honorable Council President and Council Members
Allegheny County Council
119 County Courthouse
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Mr. Andrew Baechle whom I am recommending for appointment to the Regional Trail Corporation Board. Mr. Baechle's term will expire on December 31, 2007.

The Regional Trail Corporation was formed to promote the conversion of using abandoned railroad rights-of-way into recreational trails. The Corporation also promotes the preservation and protection of the natural resources found along these rights-of-ways and the preservation of the history of these rights-of-ways. The Corporation's secondary objective is the acquisition of adjacent properties for the purpose of conservation and preservation of open space, park lands or natural areas for the public benefit.

Mr. Baechle has been the Director of the Allegheny County Department of Parks since 2003. Mr. Baechle oversees a \$7 million annual budget and manages the county parks system with nine parks (12,000 acres), a central office, and county outreach programming. Mr. Baechle's experience will be a great asset to the Trail Corporation.

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

Sincerely,

Dan Onorato

cc: Mr. Andrew Baechle

ANDREW G. BAECHLE
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PROFILE

Qualified by education and experience to manage a large and growing parks and recreation department. Proven revenue generator. Management style directed towards results, fairness, and respect. Enthusiastic about matching parks and recreation programs and facilities to community needs and desires.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Master of Science, Parks and Recreation Administration, 1988
 Bachelor of Science, Natural Resources – Naturalist, 1988

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Allegheny County Department of Parks Pittsburgh, Pa. (May 19, 2003 – Present)

- Manage county parks system with nine parks (12,000 acres), a central office, and county outreach programming
- Oversee 7 million dollar budget
- Supervise 28 full-time and up to 370 seasonal employees

Director of Friends of the Riverfront Pittsburgh, Pa. (January 2, 2003 – May 2003)

- Managed an environmentally focused non-profit organization
- Worked with a board of directors, paid staff, and volunteers to meet organizational goals

Director of Parks and Recreation and Department of Flood Control Washington County, Pa. (1996 – December 2001)

- Managed three county parks totally over 6,500 acres of land
- Established a county-wide "Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan"
- Directed the development of master plans for future development of two county parks
- Worked closely with a railroad company, multiple local governments, citizens' groups supporting trails, relevant state agencies, and elected officials to bring about the acquisition of the Panhandle Trail, a new 17-mile rail-to-trail project under development
- Secured over \$3 Million from external funding sources for parks
- Responsible for inspection and maintenance of 10 flood control dams and 8 miles of shoreline

Director of Parks and Recreation Cranberry Township, Pa. (1991 – 1996)

- Worked with township staff to plan, implement, and encourage use of the new community center
- Developed a comprehensive year-round township recreation program for all ages
- Coordinated rental facilities at the community center and in the township parks
- Wrote specifications, accepted bids, and oversaw the construction of a gymnasium
- Participated in the development of a master planning process for the acquisition, design, construction, and management of a new 128-acre park and the rehabilitation of a 65-acre park
- Managed a budget with a revenue increase from a 1991 projection of \$24,000 to \$179,000 in 1996

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WORK EXPERIENCE (continued)

Director of Outdoor Adventure Camp - Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH (1989 and 1990)

Planned and implemented summer camp programming. Programs included: canoeing, caving, hiking, horseback riding, backpacking clinics, stream ecology hikes, fossil hunts and Indian dancing. Scheduled and coordinated activities with campus and off-campus organizations.

Trip Leader - North American River Runners, Hico, West Virginia (1984 - 1990)

Responsible for the safety of up to 60 rafters of all ages daily. Handled watercraft under constantly changing whitewater conditions and human diversities. Problem-solved during emergency situations.

Recreation Leader - Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Ohio (1978 - 1983)

Produced programs for groups in museums/nature center settings. Conducted nature and Indian lore hikes. Planned and constructed trails. Cared for live animals and performed maintenance and general landscaping for picnic areas. Supervised athletic games, equipment, swimming lessons and water quality for a city pool.

Other Positions Held While in School: Graduate Research Assistant, School Department Secretary, Nautilus Room Supervisor, Owner of small Janitorial Service, and Boarding House Resident Manager.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Organized and participated in panel presentation, "Rails-to-Trails: What It Takes" given during two sessions at the 54th Annual Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Conference, March 25-28, 2001
- Written numerous successful project grants and bid documents
- Corresponded with elected officials, volunteer groups, states and federal government representatives, public utility commission judges, and the federal surface transportation board
- Published the following articles:
 - Baechle, A. and Heywood, J., Canoe Displacement on the Little Miami River: A Masters Thesis, Ohio State University, 1988.
 - Douglas, R., Baechle, A., Ries, P., and Tsia, H-H, "The Need for a National Outdoor Recreation Assessment; An S.A.F. Working Group Survey", Journal of Forestry, 1985, pp. 43-44.
 - Baechle, Freund, Gover, MacLaughlin, Phillips, Schultz, and Tsai. Book Review of "On Interpretation; Sociology for Interpreters of Natural and Cultural History", by Machlis, G., in the Journal of Environmental Education 15, 1984, p. 40.

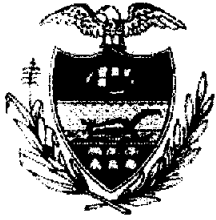
PERSONAL INTERESTS

Canoeing, Camping, Bicycling, Scuba Diving, Landscaping/Plant Care, Hiking and Nature Study

COMMUNITY INTERACTION AND RECOGNITION

- Academic Honors/Awards
 - Honors Program 1981-1988 Ohio State University
 - Gamma Sigma Delta, The Honor Society of Agriculture
 - Mountain Honorary, the School of Natural Resources, Recognition of Outstanding Professionalism in the Field of Natural Resources, 1986

- Environmental Service Award, The League of Women Voters of Washington County, September 2001



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Andrew G. Baechle
16 Grace Street
Crafton, PA 15205

DAVE FAWCETT
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Dear Mr. Baechle:

RON FRANCIS, JR.
DISTRICT 1

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 PM, Wednesday, November 2, 2005 in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

JAN REA
DISTRICT 2

EDWARD J. KRESS
DISTRICT 3

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Regional Trail Corporation Board.

DOUG PRICE
DISTRICT 4

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

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Sincerely,

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November 21, 2005

Andrew G. Bacchle
16 Grace Street
Crafton, PA 15205

Dear Mr. Bacchle

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on November 15, 2005, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Regional Trail Corporation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Congratulations on your appointment and 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,

John DeFazio
At-Large Representative

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