### **APPOINTMENT**

Approving the appointment of Debi Nuttall to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Harrison Hills Park) for a term to expire on July 1, 2016.

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In Council	JULY 1	54	, 2014.
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## **COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY**

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## Nomination

Friends of the Parks Nomination Form

Council Member Nick Futules			
Nominee: Debi Nuttall			
Address: 3442 Burtner Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065			
Phone: 724-316-3758 Email:			
This nominee shall be a member of the Council of Friends of Harrison Hills  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:			
Date: 6/16/14			

#### Debi Nuttall 3442 Burtner Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065 (724) 316-3758

**Goal:** To obtain a position on the Harrison Hills Council of Friends.

**Top Quality:** I am an educator who has a profound love of nature and am a firm believer that we should truly cherish the connectedness of all things.

#### **Background information:**

Community Connections and Leadership Experience:

- I have been working in the field of education for over 25 years.
- I have been a Friend of Harrison Hills for the past 3 years.
- I have been a volunteer at the Harrison Hills Environmental attending Council Meetings open to the public, volunteering work time to aid in the upkeep of the center, attended various programs, served as a volunteer for vistors at the center, etc.
- I am a current member of the Highlands Early Childhood Stakeholders Committee which meets bi-monthly with educational/community supports stakeholders within the community.
- I am a special education supervisor/administrator for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Early Intervention Program where I assist in coordinating special education services for children ages 3-5.
- I supervise over 60 staff members throughout Allegheny County, and collaborate with representatives of the 42 school districts within Allegheny County.

#### How it all started:

- As a child, I grew up playing in the wonder and amazement of the woods and on my paternal grandmother's farm two homesteads away.
- My maternal grandmother was the President of the Hampton Garden Club when I was a child.
   She always had me involved in activities which showed respect for nature including bird house building contests, flower shows, and planting trees in the community.
- In High School, I was an outdoor counselor who loved to hike the creeks and woods with summer camp children and continued to do this through college. Exciting children's senses through interacting in the outdoors was always a delight for me.
- These childhood experiences left a lasting impression on my understanding of the interconnectedness of all things.
- I always tried to keep myself involved with ways to educate others about nature. I took environmental biology classes, went through the Project Learning Tree training, was a member of the Outdoors club in college, and have continued to expand my love of nature by exposing the children that I have taught, as well as my own children, to all that nature has to offer.
- I moved to the Natrona Heights area 10 years ago. I knew that I wanted to get connected to a volunteer group the encouraged the outdoors. I found the Harrison Hills Environmental Center in the newspaper and visited on a few occasions. I finally attended one of the meetings as a community member and have been involved ever since.

#### Future:

- I have the leadership ability, the passion for the environment, and connectedness with the 42
   School Districts within Allegheny County which could benefit the Harrison Hills Council of Friends.
- My life's goals have been surrounded by setting education as a priority in the lives of young children. I want my children to grow up learning about the importance of caring for our environment, volunteer work, and having a respect for nature that recognizes that everything is interconnected.
- I would welcome a position to work in collaboration with the Friends of Harrison Hills Council that make Harrison Hills a wonderful place to be a part of.

#### **Education:**

- Carlow University
   Graduate Studies in Educational Supervision and Special Education
- Indiana University of PA BS Early Childhood Education
- CCAC
   Associate Degree in Child and Family Development
- Hampton High School

#### **Employment:**

- Allegheny Intermediate Unit-DART Early Intervention/Preschool Special Education Preschool Service Coordinator/Supervisor 1998-Present
- Caroline County Board of Education: Elementary Education Teacher Preschool-third grade

#### **Additional Interests:**

- My children
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Camping
- Gardening

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July 2, 2014

Ms. Debi Nuttall 3442 Burtner Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Dear Ms. Nuttall:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny Council held on July 1, 2014 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Council of Friends to Harrison Hills Park for a term to expire on July 1, 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,

Nicholas W. Futules District 7 Representative

Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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