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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

5:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

John Palmiere, Chair;

*Patrick Catena, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Bob Macey, Sue Means and Anita Prizio,
Members.*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01.

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: 2 - Sue Means and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 4 - Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Bob Macey and Anita Prizio

Members Phone: 1 - Patrick Catena

III. Approval of Minutes

[10878-18](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10837-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of real property in the County's Settlers Cabin Park to install and maintain a passive treatment system and to stabilize the streambank at Pinkerton Run stream, in collaboration with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation.

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 contemplated project was being undertaken in partnership with the Parks Foundation and involved remediation of acid mine drainage issues in Pinkerton Run. Mr. Baechle indicated that the water treatment system would be passive in nature, and had been specifically designed for this application based upon three years of water quality monitoring. Mr. Baechle noted that the system should improve water quality for the full length of Pinkerton Run within Settlers Cabin Park, that the overall project cost is \$472,000 with the County's match totalling roughly \$131,000 and Commonwealth grants accounting for the rest, and that the treatment system is very similar to the system that is already installed and in operation at the Botanic Garden.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle indicated that this type of water

treatment system had been in general use for years and that his understanding is that they are generally effective. Mr. Baechle also noted that the Parks Foundation coordinated the grant process and data gathering functions.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:09.