

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

5:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

*Joan Cleary, Chair; Jim Burn, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick
Futules, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members*

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Andy Baechle, Director, Parks

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn*

Recognized attendees: David Wright, Public Works

Council staff in attendance: Jennifer Liptak and Jared Barker

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Chair Joan Cleary, and Council Member Rich Fitzgerald

Absent: Jim Burn, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, and Jan Rea

III. Approval of Minutes

4031-08 Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2008 Parks Committee Meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

3905-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing acceptance of cherry trees through the Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Project, in association with the Japanese Association of Greater Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Baechle explained that the Department of Parks is requesting authorization for the acceptance of cherry trees through the Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Project, in association with the Japanese Association of Greater Pittsburgh.*

He said that the project will consist of planting several hundred cherry trees within the County's North Park and he described the locations where the trees will be planted. He also said that this will be of no cost to the County

Action: **A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

3967-08 An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey excess real estate located on the Montour Trail to adjacent landowners

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Baechle deferred to Mr. Wright who provided a summary of the bill. He said that the bill would authorize the conveyance of the County's interest in excess real estate along the edges of the Montour Railroad corridor to the adjacent property owners in South Park Township. He said that the property, currently owned by the County, is not needed for the development, operation and maintenance of the Montour Trail.*

He also said that adjacent owners would be responsible for all associated costs required for conveyances. The bill would reduce the County's liability risk and convert tax-exempt property to taxable property.

Action: **A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM*