APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Anne M. Oyler to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park) for a term to expire on July 1, 2016.

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In Council	JULY	1st	, 2014.
Read and approve	ed by Motion of Coun	cil.	
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Nomination

Friends of the Parks Nomination Form

Council Member <u>Heather S. Heidelbaugh</u>						
Nominee: Anne M. Oyler						
Address: 3321 Brownsville Road Extension South Park, PA 15129						
Phone: 412-831-9288 Email: 3riversgems@verizon.net						
This nominee shall be a member of the Council of Friends of South Park. He/She is representative of:						
	Labor Education Environmental Advocates Historic Preservation		Disability Community Sports & Athletic Programs Landscape Architecture Other (please specify)			
Council Member Signature:						
Date: 6/27/14						

Anne Marie Oyler 3321 Brownsville Road Extension South Park, PA 15129 412-831-9288 (home) 412-386-6509 (work)

Resident of South Park Township for 37 years.

Occupation: Information Technology Specialist, Centers for Disease Control, located at the Bruceton Research Center at 626 Cochrans Mill Road, South Park, PA. I have worked as a programmer and IT and Computer Specialist for 30 years.

As an IT Specialist, I am skilled in problem-solving, generating new and innovative ideas, providing customer serviceand working with individuals of varying backgrounds (researchers, scientists, doctors, technical and administrative personnel) throughout CDC at the Bruceton Research Center and at our offices in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Morgantown, Cincinnati, Denver, Spokane, and Alaska. This experience could be valuable in working on the Council of Friends to help identify and solve problems and to implement ideas in the interests of the park and community.

Myfour special interests in serving as a Member of the Council of Friends are:

- Education through the use of technology such as the World Wide Web to reach as many individuals within South Park and our neighboring communities as possible. In this regard, I've worked with the Friends to develop the website "Friends of South Park Allegheny County Parks" to further our communities' knowledge of this park, the resources and amenities that are available to them, how they can help to support it, and currentprojects, We can use the World Wide Web to disseminate a lot of information to a very large number of people.
- History. Although Computer Science is my major, I have a minor in history. I have been compiling monthly trivia on the park and researching its past as a way to inform people about the long history of South Park. If people are aware of what we have, we will know what needs to be preserved and cared for as part of our past. Past items of trivia include information on the County Fair (http://www.southparkfriends.org/trivia/June2014/SouthParkTriviaJune2014.html) and trivia for July pertains to the Army Nurse Corp in World War II (http://www.southparkfriends.org/trivia/July2014/SouthParkTriviaJuly2014.html).
- South Park Game Preserve. I have a special interest in the Game Preserve and have a vision of seeing itrenovated, maintained and used to educate the public about our bison and the natural history and special areasfound within the park. The bison are so unique to this park and I would like to see this preserve used as an instrument to educate both children and adults.
- Vale of Cashmere. This could be a very special place within the park if it were restored as a
 natural area and self-guided nature trail. It contains many native and very unique wildflowers,
 has beautiful stonework constructed by the CCC and could be a wonderful area for quiet strolls
 and meditation. (http://www.southparkfriends.org/ValeofCashmere.html).

Accomplishments to Date:

Since October, 2013, when I started attending the Friends meetings, my accomplishments have been:

- Building an entire website from scratch called "Friends of South Park-Allegheny County Parks."
 The web address is http://www.southparkfriends.org/. This was done gratis and is being maintained by me at no cost to the Friends. At this time, the site has over 150,000 hits.
- I served on the 3rd Annual Golf Outing Committee to raise funds for the park. We were able to double our profits from last year on extremely short notice and had a very successful outinghttp://www.southparkfriends.org/PreviousEvents/2014/GolfOuting/2014GolfOuting.html
- I came up with the idea of procuring business cards for the Friends as a way of promoting the group and the park. We can now pass out cards to people using the park, place the cards at local restaurants, libraries, etc. and use the cards for our fundraising efforts as well.

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- I volunteered to be part of the Wine and Cheese Tasting fundraiser that will possibly be held on September 20, 2014. I have many new ideas.
- Getting ready to conduct an informal survey of park users to collect data to see what they would like to have accomplished in the park and then will analyze and present the data in tabular and graphical format so that we will have some idea of what park users at large are thinking.

Other Volunteer Activities Within the Community

- Member of the South Park Library Tea Committee. We hold approximately four fundraising teas per year, each with a specific theme, in order to raise money for the South Park Library.
- Member of the New Eagle Community Action Group to promote and maintain the New Eagle
 Riverfront Park. This is a small volunteer group of mostly very elderly individuals who singlehandedly maintain a section of riverfront on the Monongahela River in New Eagle. I have built a
 website for the group at http://neweaglepark.org/ and am trying to assist them in whatever way I
 can with volunteer labor and help in fundraising.
- Taught monthly jewelry design classes at the South Park Library for over five years.
- Teach a jewelry design class at Upper St. Clair Library once per year.

I would welcome the opportunity to be of assistance in whatever capacity that my skills and resources can be used on the Council of Friends.



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July 2, 2014

Ms. Anne M. Oyler 3321 Brownsville Road Extension South Park, PA 15129

Dear Ms. Oyler:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on July 1, 2014 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Council of Friends to South 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,

Council Member Heather S. Heidelbaugh

Council At-Large

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Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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