

No. 29-19-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of property in the County's Boyce Park for implementation of a meadow in conjunction with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation.

Whereas, The County of Allegheny is the owner of real property in the County's Boyce Park; and

Whereas, The Department of Parks acknowledges that the Allegheny County Parks Foundation has been a valued partner to the County for many years; and

Whereas, The County, by and through its Department of Parks, is requesting the use of property in the County's Boyce Park for implementation of a meadow to be known as the Celebration Meadow; and

Whereas, The Department of Parks recognizes that the installation of this meadow will provide a safe and attractive destination for park patrons; and

Whereas, The Department of Parks recognizes that the Allegheny County Parks Foundation and the County will jointly design, plan, finance, construct and maintain the meadow; and

Whereas, County Council recognizes that the improvements and additions to the land will inure to the benefit of the citizens of Allegheny County; and

Whereas, Article IV, Section 2(k) of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter vests County Council with the power and duty by ordinance to lease or permit the use of County real property.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of the Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as set forth in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. Authorization to permit the use of County Real Property.

- A. Allegheny County Council hereby approves the use of the property in the County's Boyce Park to implement a meadow.
- B. The term of this authorization begins on June 15, 2019 and continues through August 31, 2020.
- C. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the authorization granted by this legislation.

SECTION 3. Severability. *If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be in full force and effect.*


SECTION 4. Repealer. *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.*

Enacted in Council, this 22nd day of October, 2019

Council Agenda No. 11230-15



John DeFazio
President of Council

Attest: 

Jared Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office October 24, 2019

Approved: 

Rich Fitzgerald
County Executive

Attest: 

Sonya Dietz
Executive's Secretary

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The attached legislation would permit the Allegheny County Parks Foundation the use of the property in the County's Boyce Park to implement a meadow to be known as the Celebration Meadow. The authorization begins on June 15, 2019 and continues through August 31, 2020. County officers and officials would be authorized to take such action as would be necessary to carry out the purposes of the authorization granted in the legislation.

M E M O R A N D U M
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

TO: Jared E. Barker
Allegheny County Council

FROM: William D. McKain CPA
County Manager

DATE: October 3, 2019

RE: Proposed Ordinance

Attached is an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of property in the County's Boyce Park for implementation of a meadow in conjunction with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed this legislation prior to submitting it to Council.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

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EXHIBIT "A"

Boyce Park Pierson Run Meadow

Allegheny County Parks Foundation

4/18/2019

Scope

The meadow project includes partnering with the County Parks Department to design and implement meadow/woodland restoration on a former strip mine site. The site is a highly visible 6 acre slope along Pierson Run Road. The site experienced a mine fire in 2001 and was stabilized via County/DEP efforts. The current conditions of the site include a few surviving reclamation trees scattered throughout a slope of tall grass and invasive species i.e. honeysuckle, multiflora rose, etc.

The proposed planting would include a meadow mix like Boyce Park Indian Hill, a wet meadow seed mix for wet drainage areas and native trees to transition to the existing mature woodland on the south end of the site. The new planting would increase the ecological value of the area and create higher quality wildlife habitat. The design includes a series of mowed paths for park users to walk and experience the new space.

Tentative Schedule

2019-2020

Budget Estimate

The project budget including ACPF project management and material costs has been estimated at \$11,500; a private donor has verbally pledged to fund the project in full. In addition the County Parks Department will provide in-house support as needed for design and implementation.

Site Design Plan

The design plan below proposes approximately 5 acres of flowering meadow and 1 acre of woodland restoration between Pierson Run Road and Hillcourt Shelter at the top of slope.

