

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Conference Room I**

## **Committee on Parks**

*John Palmiere - Chair*

*Members: Jim Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Ed Kress, Bob Macey and Sue Means*

**I. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00.*

**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 and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.*

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** 4 - John Palmiere, Michael Finnerty, Ed Kress and Sue Means

**Members Absent:** 4 - Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey

**Members** 2 - Tom Baker and Paul Klein

**Non-Members:**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

[9858-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

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

**IV. Agenda Items****Ordinances**

[9710-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing White Oak Animal Safe Haven (No Kill Animal Shelter), Inc. to continue to use County-owned real property located at 2295 Lincoln Way in the County's White Oak Park.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle discussed its provisions, summarizing the term of the lease and rental rate of \$100 per month and noting that Safe Haven is a nonprofit and that the renewal is essentially the same contract that has been in place for years, although Safe Haven will be enclosing approximately 8000 square feet at their own expense to provide an outdoor area for the dogs at the shelter.*

*In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Baechle noted that the lease has been in force with multiple renewals since 2003.*

*In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle notes that maintenance and*

utilities are covered by Safe Haven.

*In response to questions from Mr. Kress, Mr. McKain noted that the County is fully indemnified by Safe Haven under the terms of the lease and Mr. Baechle discussed Safe Haven's fundraising activities.*

*In response to a question from Mr. Baker, Mr. McKain noted that the County does not have any formalized relation with Safe Haven's board or other governing body.*

*In response to a question from Mr. Kress, Mr. Baechle discussed how the County handles animals that are found on County property, and noted that most of the animals at the shelter are rescues.*

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

**9676-16**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Youth Football, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, to use property within the County's South Park as a concession stand for youth sports fundraising.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized the lease terms, noting that the lease payments are \$200 per year, with the lease contemplating use as a concession stand during games and equipment storage at other times. Mr. Baechle also noted that when the adjacent parking area is re-built, the building used by South Park Youth Football will be demolished and the use contemplated by the lease will terminate, and that South Park Youth Football is aware of and has agreed to this.*

*In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain and Mr. Baechle discussed the notice that has been and will be provided to South Park Youth Football regarding the parking lot project.*

*In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Baechle indicated that his preference would be for South Park Youth Football to identify another structure to use, and he and Mr. McKain indicated that this particular usage may be difficult to accommodate at another County-owned building in the park.*

*In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle estimated that South Park Youth Football has been using the building for at least 10 or 12 years.*

*In response to a question from Mr. Kress, Mr. McKain and Mr. Baechle discussed insurance and noted that the lease provides for the County's indemnification by South Park Youth Football.*

*Mr. Baker, the Chair and Mr. Baechle discussed the concession activities that are undertaken at the building.*

*Mr. McKain and Mr. Baechle discussed the parking lot reconstruction project, noting that the idea is to use a water-permeable paving system, which will be both sustainable and more durable than traditional asphalt paving.*

**A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Klein, that this matter be**

**Affirmatively Recommended.** The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:19.*