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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

4:00 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 4:03.

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: 3 - Cindy Kirk, Sue Means and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 2 - Bob Macey and Anita Prizio

Members Phone: 2 - Patrick Catena and Nick Futules

III. Approval of Minutes

[10533-18](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10528-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance Nos. 07-06 and subsequent amendments, which establish the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

[10529-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing North Allegheny Soccer Club, Inc. to use fields on McKinney Road in the County's North Park.

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 North Allegheny Soccer Club (NASC) has been using fields at North Park for over 20 years, and has maintained and expanded the soccer field facilities in the Park. Mr. Baechle noted that the lease term is for 5 years, with a 3 year extension available at the County's option. Mr. Baechle discussed the

timeframes during which NASC uses the fields, and noted that the fields are open to the public otherwise. Mr. Baechle noted that NASC is willing to invest approximately \$100,000 in improvements to the facilities to include a restroom and equipment storage shed, which is why the County is willing to accept the longer than normal contract term.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle noted that NASC maintains appropriate insurance, and that the McKinney soccer fields are the best condition of any of the soccer fields in the County. Mr. McKain explained how purchasing sometimes is accomplished by participating in existing Commonwealth contracts, which may expedite the purchasing process. Mr. Baechle noted that an access road may have to be moved in order to keep traffic at a distance from some of the facilities, but that this can be done in-house.

In response to a question from Ms. Kirk, Mr. Baechle noted that the contemplated construction should be completed in 2 years or so.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52.