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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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 4:05.

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 - Sue Means, Anita Prizio and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 3 - Patrick Catena, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey

Members Phone: 1 - Nick Futules

III. Approval of Minutes

[11002-19](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting of the Committee on Parks.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

[10982-19](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing demolition of certain structures in the County's Deer Lakes Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that the County does not take the decision to demolish existing structure in the parks lightly, but in cases like this one, it becomes necessary for the sake of safety. Mr. Baechle described the condition of the building at issue, noting that it is an attractive nuisance as it currently stands and is both unsafe and unsanitary. Mr. Baechle indicated that the County would be attempting to replace the structure with a pre-fabricated building, once asbestos and other HAZMAT testing is completed. Mr. McKain noted that two or three staff members work in the existing building, and that providing a new pre-fabricated structure is well within the existing budgetary appropriations.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Baechle indicated that the goal is to have the new building in place this calendar year, and the demolition work will be performed in-house to the extent possible. Mr. McKain added that the County Health Department

would be involved in the HAZMAT evaluation.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain and Mr. Baechle discussed the equipment that might be necessary, noted that the building is small, and indicated that staff would be using space in another building until the new structure is completed.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain indicated that he would let the Committee know what budget line item(s) are relevant, but that his understanding is that the cost of the new pre-fabricated structure would not be more than \$200,000 to \$300,000.

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

10983-19

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing demolition of certain structures in the County's South Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that the situation for the building to which the ordinance relates is similar to that in 10982-19. Mr. Baechle described the building and its condition, noting that the roof has collapsed and indicating that the building has not been used for several years. Mr. Baechle continued by noting that the building is not safe to enter, and that wildlife lives inside of it. Mr. Baechle noted that most of the demolition work would be conducted in-house, and that the Health Department would help with the HAZMAT evaluation.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Baechle noted that there are other buildings in the park that are usable for the same purposes, so the demolition will not be problematic for the use or operation of the park.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Baechle noted that the demolition should be completed in 2019, and Mr. McKain indicated that the County will take adequate precautions for the park users, because the building to be demolished is in a comparatively busy area.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:26.