



Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

6:15 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

[15-7505](#)

Bill 15 Parks and Recreation Committee, this evening
Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars from Pool & Hot Tub Foundation under the Step Into Swim grant program to support swim lessons at city pools.

Attachments: [Bill 15 Parks Swim Grant](#)
[Ordinance #16107.pdf](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated thank you so much, Ms. Tolino.

Ms. Many Tolino stated that this is a grant that they received and all the money will go to support free swimming lessons at the pool system.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it sounds simple enough. She stated alright, cool. She asked are there any questions from her committee colleagues, Ms. Santos or anyone else on the dais. She asked any members of the public on questions on this particular item. She stated that this will move forward to the regular Council meeting. She asked is it anything else and stated that she knows that the EAC was taken off, but anything else.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that she has a few quick updates.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they have time.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that one of the things that she wanted to mention is that they have started their seasonal hiring. On the city of Allentown's website right now all of our summer recreation aquatics and playground positions are open. She stated that they encourage anyone that is 15 or older to apply. The pay rate starts at \$15 an hour so it is a reasonable pay rate for some that are helping to support their families. She stated that they are excited to have that open and they are looking to hire about sixty new. They have about 60 returning. They have a good chunk of returners. She stated that they find it a good place to work. She stated that her team is proud of that. This weekend as well, they have their all star weekend for

basketball and that is going to be about 500 or so kids and parents at Executive Education on Saturday from about 10 to 5 and on Sunday, from 10 until 3. It would be a good celebration if anyone would like to stop by. It would be wonderful. Also this weekend, our Special Events team has been working hard on a celebration for the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl which will be at the PPL Center. Unfortunately, it is sold out, but it is going to be a really excited event. She stated finally, she just wants to mention sort of unofficially, they are looking to apply for grant funding to install a basketball court at Stevens Park. She stated that if they do get it, it will be approved with a pretty fast turn around. She stated that she just wants to make sure that they hear from community members and people in that community that is what they want to see there. She stated that it will be a full court basketball for Stevens Park stating she is just mentioning that to try to get the word out that in the next few weeks, they are going to try to collect a few about that project.

Ms. Ce Gerlach stated ok, great a lot of people brought that up. She asked anything else.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that is all.

A motion was made by Natalie Santos, seconded by Ce-Ce Gerlach, that this Bill be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach and Natalie Santos

Absent: 1 - Candida Affa

Adjournment: 6:18 PM