



Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

[15-7601](#)

Bill 30

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000.00) from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support a feasibility study of MLK Trail Phase 3 (Parkettes to D&L Trail on Riverside Dr) and construction of either Phase 1 or 2 of MLK Trail.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 30 - DCED Grant Allocation MLK Trail](#)

[Ordinance #16121.pdf](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated alright, thanks so much, Ms. Tolino.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated good evening and thank you. She stated that this was a grant we received to look at the Section at the MLK Trail that connects Fountain Park, closest to the parking lot, across the street from Parkettes to actually connect with the Bucky Boyle side of the river to make a trail connection there. This Feasibility Study to see what the best route would be in the most cost efficient way to make that connection. It is a fairly complicating connection to get across the river.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated got you. She asked if there were any questions from the committee. She asked Ms. Affa or Ms. Santos or any questions from the dais. She asked if there were any questions from members of the public on this specific item about the trail.

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

Yes: 3 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos and Candida Affa

[15-7602](#)

Bill 31

Amending the 2025 Trexler Fund by authorizing a supplemental appropriation from the Trexler Escrow Unappropriated Cash balance in the amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Five Dollars and

Seventy-Five Cents (\$108,105.75) to the MLK Trail capital account of the Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will be utilized for the construction of Phase 1 of the trail and is part of the 2024-25 Trexler Capital Project allocation.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 31 - Trexler to MLK Appropriation](#)
[Ordinance #16122.pdf](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach alright, great and stated Ms. Tolino.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that this is allocating money towards Phase I. They received a significant amount of funding in grants. They are hopeful to move this to construction later this year. She stated that this Trexler Funding would support those efforts for Phase I which is connecting 10th Street to Lehigh Parkway. In Fountain Park, behind the pool and making that connection across the bridge there on 10th Street like you are going to the Public Works building and on that side of the creek, it will follow the railroad bed to connect to Lehigh Parkway along the creek there.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any questions from her committee colleagues or any questions from the dais. She asked if there were questions from members of the public on this item.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they don't have anything else on the agenda. She asked Ms. Tolino if she had any quick updates.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that she does have a few updates. She thanked Ms. Gerlach for the time to talk about those. She stated that the things she wanted to highlight was some construction projects that you will see in the next month or so starting in the parks. She stated that one of which is the skate park that started construction now and should be completed by July. It is Phase II of that Project. She stated that would be a significant improvement/addition to what is already existing. She stated that started and then the Mini Pitch is a mini soccer field. They are installing one of those at Jordan Meadows. That would start construction on Friday of this week and should be a pretty fast turn around so they are planning on some programming there as well as some soccer with skills and drills and that type of thing to use that new amenity. They are also moving forward on a basketball court at Stevens Parks and that should be happening some time between now and the end of June. She stated that she is excited to share that she is moving forward after a lot of planning. It worked to find some grant funding. Then on the recreation on the Special Event side, they are gearing up for a busy summer with a lot of the same kind of activities they did last year. She stated but, also expanding on their Monday events. They have movies throughout the park and getting our aquatics and

summer playgrounds staff built and those positions are still open. They had some good interest in that so just a lot of things building towards the summer. They are excited. It is going to be a great summer with a lot of different offerings between all the things that they have been working on.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated great, thanks for those updates. She stated that if there is nothing else from the committee, then this will conclude the Parks and Recreation and they can move on to Public Safety.

A motion was made by Natalie Santos, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Bill be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 3 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos and Candida Affa

Adjournment: 6:04 PM