



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### Parks and Recreation Committee

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Wednesday, July 13, 2016

5:00 PM

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#### Call to Order: Chairperson Mota, Councilpersons Affa and O'Connell

##### Bill 33

Amending the 2016 Capital Project Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars from one Capital Project to another Capital Project to correct Ordinance 15243 (11/18/ 2015) – the legislation appropriated a \$12,000 grant from the Century Fund into the Capital Fund and was intended for the WPA Wall Repair Project, the project number referred to the Park Land Acquisition Project rather than the WPA Wall Repair Project.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 33 Ordinance 15243 Correction](#)

[Bill 33 Memo](#)

##### Bill 34

Amending Article 951, Park Regulations of the Codified Ordinances, by making Parks and Recreation the governing agency, modifying the language on conducting city business in parks, renumbering definitions, prohibiting buses from entering and parking in the park without a permit, prohibiting bonfires, using a generator, possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages or building a fire without a permit, allowing bike riding only in authorized places and times, modifying the permit process including deleting the appeal process and allowing the Director or designee to revoke a permit, and enabling SWEEP tickets to be issued for a number of violations.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 34 2016 Parks Hamilton Street \(002\)](#)

[Bill 34 Memo](#)

*This bill was introduced at the last council meeting. There are also some additional amendments that were forwarded to us from the Parks and Recreation Director. I have reviewed them with Lindsay, perhaps she could give you a quick review of the proposed bill and the additional amendments.*

##### Amendments to Bill 34

**Attachments:** [Additions to Article 951 Park Regulations](#)

**Discussion: Parks Maintenance Facility**

Councilpersons Hendricks, McGuire and I visited the old Parks Maintenance facility site a few weeks ago to get a better handle on the situation. Ms. Taylor and Mr. Holtzman gave us a tour. They noted the inadequate facilities at the Parkway – both for their workers and equipment; and expressed concern about the impact trucks and other vehicles were having on the Parkway infrastructure. They see the old facility as the primary site for relocating the bureau. The secondary site on the radar screen is Trexler Park which would need costly infrastructure improvements. They see the old site as being the most cost effective solution to their needs; and it is a central area for dealing with their snow plowing responsibilities during the winter season. They are responsible for plowing the west end of Allentown. During the major storm last year it took them 6 hours to get out of the Parkway. There is a pole barn on the site currently being used by Parks. Three concerns were raised at the last meeting where the contract for the engineering study wasn't approved – is city staff capable of doing the engineering study, can we or is it wise to rebuild a facility in a floodplain, and why is a study necessary – shouldn't we just apply the funds toward taking the structure down. It was also noted Trexler funds are being used to pay for the study – and that this will be the first part of a plan to construct a facility for Parks Maintenance. Perhaps Ms. Taylor could further scope out the need for the Engineering study and after that perhaps the committee could entertain a motion to make a recommendation on having the contract reconsidered at the next contract meeting.

**Park Maintenance Facility Map**

**Attachments:**      [Park Maintenance Facility Map](#)

**Adjournment**