

**HPCC Monthly
Community Meeting
October 17, 2019
St. Andrew's Church**

Meeting Called to order at 7:10 P.M. By Stephanie Walsh, President

Updates Presented by Stephanie Walsh:

1. **Halloween Parade** – Calling all ghosts, goblins, princesses and pirates for the Highland Park Community Council's annual Halloween Parade. We will gather at the fountain, decorate pumpkin cookies and parade around the fountain. Saturday, November 2nd from 10:30 to noon .
2. **Tree Giveaway**-The HPCC is proud to be co-sponsoring a tree giveaway for Highland Park residents on November 2nd! Tree species that you can pick from may include river birch, sycamore, kousa dogwood, American hornbeam, and red-bud. Saplings will be in two gallon pots for you to plant on your property: one per person, up to two per household. Sign up with Tree Pittsburgh in advance to be guaranteed a tree:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/treegiveawayhighland-park-residents-only-tickets72935043679>.
The trees are all spoken for at this time. However, walk ins may be able to pick up a tree on November 2nd from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EDT
Highland Park Sand Volleyball Court Parking Lot , Lake Drive
3. **Public Safety** – There was no public safety update this evening due to another Zone 5 commitment.

Pittsburgh Park Conservancy - The Parks Conservancy President and CEO, Jayne Miller, was the featured presenter. Ms. Miller presented extensive information and answered questions about the proposed Parks Plan and ballot initiative. If passed, the ballot initiative would increase the Pittsburgh property tax millage rate by .05% per household to fund improved park safety, increased fair funding and access, and upgraded maintenance and facilities for all existing city parks. The Conservancy is conducting information sessions across the city to inform people about this important vote. Ms. Miller also distributed a 10 page summary handout to attendees to assist with sifting through all of the information. She was accompanied by Tom Pawlin of City Parks/DPW. The amendment will be on the November 5th ballot, More information can be found at :
https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/415693/PPC_FAQ-1.pdf and at:
<https://www.pittsburghparks.org/parksplan>

The Highland Park Pump Station and Rising Main Projects- Sarah Bolen Batuga, Water Group Sewer Manager for PWSA, Rebecca Zito, Communications Project Manager for PWSA, and Elijah Hughes, Urban Planner for Evolve (a PWSA project partner) discussed the upcoming projects. Project Summary: Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) is currently developing plans for the construction of a new 50 million gallons per day (mgd) drinking water pumping station located in Highland Park. This pump station will replace the existing pumping station at the north end of Negley

Ave. that was used to supply water to the Garfield Tank water supply system. Due to the age of the equipment and unsafe operating conditions that made its operation unreliable, PWSA had to cease the operation of this pumping station and install a temporary pumps. In addition to the pumps that will deliver the water to the Garfield Tank water supply system, the new pumping station will house pumping equipment that will provide a supplemental and redundant supply of drinking water to the Highland 1 reservoir water district. This will ensure an uninterrupted and reliable water supply to over one-third of the City of Pittsburgh's customers. The pumping station will be located behind the existing pumping station at the end of North Negley Avenue. The existing pumping station will be demolished. In order to connect the new pumping station to the Highland 1 Reservoir water supply system, a new 48-inch rising main will be constructed. The alignment of the rising main will be in the general area of the Mellon Terrace and Bunkerhill Street, primarily running through the park parallel to Bunkerhill with a connection at Bunkerhill Street and Highland Avenue. Questions were posed and answered. Construction on the pumping station is expected to begin in the summer of 2020. Outreach meetings will be conducted with residents of Highland Park prior to initiation and ongoing throughout the construction. More information can be found on the PESA website.

The next HPPC Meeting will be held on November 21st at 7P.M. at St. Andrew's Church. It will be a wine tasting event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. By Stephanie Walsh.