

ORDINANCE NO. 14988

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 22 - 2012

INTRODUCED BY

APRIL 18, 2012

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2012 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of ~~One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars~~ **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars** to provide for the receipt of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This grant will provide funding which will be used to assist with the Stevens Community Park Development Project.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars to the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund Budget.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund in the following manner:

Capital Fund - Department of Parks and Recreation

001-08-1670-1210-46	Contract/Service Fees		\$40,000
001-08-1670-1210-76	Construction Contracts	60,000	<u>210,000</u>
		\$100,000	\$250,000

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Amendment to change \$100,000 to \$250,000 passed, 6 - 0

	Yea	Nay
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Mike Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on April 18, 2012 and signed by the Mayor on April 25, 2012.



CITY CLERK

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

Instructions:

- E-mail the Bill to Ken Bennington and Barbara Molitoris by the 2nd or 4th Monday of each month – bennington@allentowncity.org and molitoris@allentowncity.org to be placed on the following Council meeting agenda. The request will be sent back if the pertinent information is not supplied. Supporting Documents should be included in the e-mail and attached to the bill if necessary. Examples of supplemental information include petitions, maps, reports, rezoning petitions. We will track the bill and fill in the underlined sections.

Template for Bills and Resolutions:

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Department of Parks & Recreation.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The ordinance places awarded grant funds of \$250,000 into the capital project designated as the for the purpose of implementing the development of the project as per the master plan.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This ordinance will allocate grant funds received to be used for the purpose of implementing a phased approach to the Stevens Park Development Project.

Stevens Park is a unique pocket park located at the intersection of Tilghman Street and 6th Street. The park serves the core areas of north Allentown and downtown as well 7th Street, Pratt Street, 5th Street and Washington Street. The park is highly used and is located within one of Allentown's densest neighborhoods.

As recommended in the City of Allentown Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2006), there are several heavily populated neighborhoods that are deficient in reasonably accessible park and recreation resources. Due to the density of the residential development surrounding the park and the lack of other immediate open space, children, teenagers, and young adults flock to Stevens Park.

Park Planning Process

In 2006, the City of Allentown, in cooperation with the Harry C. Trexler Trust, completed a master plan for the City's park and recreation system. One of the key goals identified in the plan was, 'All residents in the City should have parkland within a 10-minute walk from their residence'.

The opportunity to renovate this heavily used park within this densely populated section of the City, specifically in this key strategic location, will provide the opportunity to achieve one of the plan's major goals and objectives.

In May of 2008, under the direction of Muhlenberg College, an in-depth study entitled, 'Stevens Park Revitalization Report – An Analysis of Community Input Research' was completed and indentified

through various public meetings, key person interviews and surveying. The following key park recommendations were as follows:

- Increase security lighting, police presence and add security cameras
- Install rubber safety surfacing in the playground area
- Develop a better drainage system in the park
- Develop a distinct layout of the park that separates age groups
- Install a new playground, a larger pavilion, a new spray park, game tables, electrical upgrades, water fountain, restrooms, and landscaping

Over the last four years, neighborhood residents, consultants, architects, including city staff held several meetings to develop conceptual designs for this park site. After considerable input, three (3) conceptual designs were developed and the top conceptual design was chosen and revised to meet the needs of the community.

By revitalizing this park, there will be multiple short and long term individual, community, economic and environmental benefits. Neighborhood revitalization, including the opportunity to increase community pride by providing a space for families and neighbors to meet and socialize; economic impact for the mixed commercial and residential portions of this section of the City could be realized; and environmental benefits by creating more green space which will provide opportunities for additional special events and programming.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The funds have been awarded by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and will not involve any costs other than staff time needed to process.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

NA

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

March 31, 2012

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

To allow for additional fundraising efforts to develop project fully and begin with the development of construction documents and necessary permitting.

- **Committee Action**
- **Public Comments**
- **Body/Text of the Bill**
- **Exhibits**
- **Vote**