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***VIA EMAIL ONLY***

Claire McAuliffe  
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**Re: *Parks & Open Space Committee***

Dear Claire,

I have applied to be a member of the Parks & Open Space Committee and had planned on appearing before the city council on July 11, 2016. Unfortunately, I have been ordered to appear in court in Pittsburgh on July 12, and will therefore be unable to appear on July 11. However, I would appreciate it if the city council would consider my application to be a member of the Parks & Open Space Committee.

By way of background, I spent a substantial amount of my childhood in the English countryside. In England, public footpaths and open space are an extremely important part of the countryside and the ability for people to explore and experience the country. When I was young, I would take an ordinance survey map that showed the footpaths and, if a farmer complained that I was walking on his land, I would simply point out there was a public footpath which people were entitled to use.

I mentioned these footpaths because Belvedere has a substantial amount of open space, including public footpaths; some are well maintained, and other are not. On the western side of the island, the footpaths have all but disappeared. I would like to work with the members of the committee, the community, and the Public Works Department to improve and develop some of the footpaths and improve our open spaces.

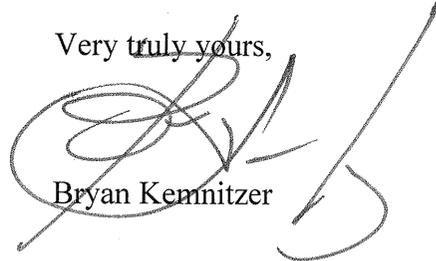
There is quite a bit of open space in Belvedere, but much of it is not maintained. For example, right next to our house at 1 Oak Avenue, there is a bench and stairs, but the area is not maintained. For a number of years, Nancy and I have extended our watering system to the area, but it has not been maintained. I certainly would like to correct that problem and try to devise a way to improve that area and other open spaces in Belvedere.

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No doubt, the first number of meetings on the Parks & Open Space Committee will be a learning process, but I would hope I could make a substantial contribution to make sure the parks and open space are protected, maintained, and improved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BK', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Kemmitzer