

CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 2 DIVISION 5. PARKS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-251. Membership of Parks Commission; Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

The Parks Commission shall have seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Village's Board of Trustees. The members of the Parks Commission shall be residents of the Village. In making appointments to the Parks Commission, the Village President shall endeavor to appoint persons who have a background, have had experience or have shown an interest in either outdoor recreational activities, environmental and ecological matters, and/or land or nature conservation. The Village President with the advice and consent of the Village's Board of Trustees shall appoint one (1) of the members of the Parks Commission to serve as Chairperson of the Commission and shall appoint one (1) of the members of the Parks Commission to serve as Vice-Chairperson. The persons appointed as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve in those capacities until they cease to be a member of the Parks Commission or until their successor as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson has been appointed and has qualified, whichever is the first to occur. The members of the Parks Commission shall designate one (1) of their members to serve as the secretary of the Commission.

Sec. 2-252. Term of office of members of the Parks Commission.

The term of office of members of the Parks Commission shall be four (4) years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Except, when a term expires after January 1, 2009, the person that is either appointed or reappointed to serve a new term shall serve for a period of three (3) years. (Ord. 08-28, Sec. 1, 12-18-08)

Sec. 2-253. Stipend.

Members of the Parks Commission shall receive a stipend of twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each Commission meeting they attend. (Ord. No. 2006-06, Sec. 1, 2-16-2006; Ord. No. 11-2, Sec. 3, 1-20-11)

Sec. 2-254. Vacancies and resignation.

Vacancies on the Parks Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Village President subject to the advice and consent of the Village's Board of Trustees. A member of the Parks Commission shall be deemed to have resigned if the member fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Commission unless the member's absence from one (1) or more of the meetings has been excused by the Commission's Chairperson.

Sec. 2-255. Meetings and records.

The Parks Commission shall meet the months of January, February, March, April, May, June,

September, October, November and December on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Each month's required meeting day may be changed by a majority of the Commission in the event of a holiday, lack of quorum or similar circumstance. Meetings will not be held the months of July or August unless at the discretion of the Commission's Chairperson. (Ord. 08-28, Sec. 2, 12-18-08)

Sec. 2-256. Powers and duties of Parks Commission.

The Parks Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To undertake activities intended to promote the use of the Village's parks as directed and authorized by the Village's Board of Trustees.
- (b) To make recommendations and otherwise provide advice to the Village's Board of Trustees regarding the adoption and revision of policies and plans relating to the use and development of the Village's parks.
- (c) To make recommendations and otherwise provide advice to the Village President and to the Village's administrative staff regarding the implementation of policies and plans relating to the use and development of the Village's parks.
- (a) To review budget proposals relating to parks and other recreation areas in the Village as developed by the Village's administrative staff and to comment on such proposals to the Village's Board of Trustees.
- (e) To review proposals developed by the Village's administrative staff for funding grants relating to the Village's parks and to make comments regarding such proposals to the Village's Board of Trustees.
- (f) Subject to the authorization of the Village's Board of Trustees and the direction of the Village President and Village Administrator, to undertake fund raising activities for the purpose of raising funds that are intended to be used to pay for improvements to the Village's parks or the acquisition of additional park land in the Village.
- (g) To annually conduct a meeting with each club, service organization, community group, association, unit of local government or other organization which provides recreational activities in the Village's parks, provides support for active and passive recreational activities in the Village's parks or which provides land that is used for public recreational activities in the Village for the purpose of facilitating communication regarding planned recreational activities in order to enhance coordination relating to the scheduling of events and to avoid duplication of efforts and conflicts with regard to recreational activities. The purpose of such meeting shall also be to enhance the recreational activities provided in the Village parks and to develop recommendations to be made to the Village's Board of Trustees as to how to increase the use of the Village's parks for both active and passive public recreational activities.

- (h) To conduct an annual meeting with each of those service organizations and other entities which have Village Parks named after them for the purpose of discussing and making recommendations relating to improvements to those parks and developing funding sources for the recommended improvements.
- (i) To provide assistance and advice when requested to do so to those Village officials and employees whose duties include management or maintenance of the Village's parks.
- (j) To work with existing local and regional organizations to promote the use and development of park land and public conservation areas in the Village.
- (k) To perform such other duties and to undertake such other activities germane to the use and development of the Village's parks as may be directed or suggested by the Village's Board of Trustees.