

Chapter 29

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Swedesboro 2-22-1944; amended at time of adoption of Code 2-15-1982; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.¹ Other amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Parks and lakes regulations — See Ch. 84.

§ 29-1. Establishment of Board.

A municipal department, which shall be designated as the "Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Swedesboro," be and the same is hereby established in and for said borough.

¹ Editor's Note: The title of this Board, which was formerly known as "Board of Park Commissioners," was changed at time of adoption of Code.

§ 29-2. Responsibilities of Commissioners as to parks and open places.

The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners shall have charge of and conduct all parks and open places for public rests and recreation which shall be located within the borough and to which the borough has acquired or may hereafter acquire title and shall lay out, embellish and maintain the same in the manner which shall seem best to the Board under such rules and regulations as the Board may hereafter adopt. Said Board shall comprise the administrative and supervisory activities of said borough in connection with the development, improvement and maintenance of all park facilities now or hereafter established and located within the boundaries of said borough.

§ 29-3. Composition; appointments. [Amended 1-20-1986; 6-17-1996; 1-6-1997]

The composition shall include a total of nine persons. Five persons shall be from the Borough of Swedesboro and two persons shall be from the Township of Woolrich. The remaining two persons may be appointed from either the Borough of Swedesboro or the Township of Woolwich. Said members of said Board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the office for the term of five years. Vacancies on said Board shall be filled for the unexpired term only. In making the appointments of the members of said Board, the Mayor and Council shall apportion the representation by area as nearly as it may be possible so to do.

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§ 29-4. Compensation; officers.

The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, and they shall, annually, from their own number elect a President, Vice President and a Secretary.

§ 29-5. Meetings; rules and regulations.

The Board shall meet regularly at least once each month in connection with the performance of their duties and for the consideration of the matters affecting public parks in the Borough of Swedesboro. They shall adopt rules and regulations for the purpose of facilitating the work of their department and for the purpose of regulating the conduct of the meetings of said Board.

§ 29-6. Duties; recommendations to Borough Council.

The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners shall, from time to time, formulate plans for the development and improvement of the public park lands now or hereafter owned by said borough, shall propose methods or arrangements for the proper maintenance and care of such lands and the improvements thereon, shall formulate rules and regulations for the public use of such park lands and improvements and shall determine, annually, what sums may be necessary for the improvement, care and maintenance of the public park lands and recommend to the Mayor and Council, in writing, the amounts necessary to be raised for such purpose, and the Council shall not raise any money for park purposes either by the issuance of bonds or by taxation except upon and after recommendation by said Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. All recommendations of said Board involving the expenditure of moneys shall be submitted to the Council prior to the introduction and formal consideration of the annual budget. The sum actually raised by the Borough Council in any year shall not in any case exceed the sum recommended by the Board, but the Council may raise any lesser amount.

§ 29-7. Expenditures for park purposes.

The Board shall have the full and complete authority and power, exclusive of the Council, to expend the moneys raised for park purposes, other than for the acquisition of land, and all money so raised for such purposes shall be paid out by the Borough Treasurer upon the warrant of said Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, signed by its President and attested by its Secretary, and not otherwise; provided, however, that said Board shall not have the power or authority to incur any obligations in the name of or for the account of said borough, except as authorized from time to time by the Borough Council and the provisions of this chapter.