Chapter 2.64

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSION

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2.64.010 Establishment and composition.

There shall be a board of recreation commissioners in the borough, which shall consist of seven members, appointed by the mayor, who are residents of the borough. The commissioners first appointed shall be appointed as follows: one member for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, one member for a term of three years, two members for terms of four years and two members for terms of five years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of five years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner as original appointments, and all such appointments shall be for the unexpired term only. The members shall serve until their respective successors are appointed and shall qualify. The members shall receive no compensation for their services. (Prior code § 2-45.1)

2.64.020 Organization and officers.

The board shall organize annually on or before the third Tuesday in January after January 1st. It shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. (Prior code § 2-45.2)

2.64.030 Employees.

The board may appoint a recreation director for a term not to exceed three years, a secretary and such number of custodians, supervisors and assistants for the several playgrounds and recreation places under its control as it shall think necessary and fix and determine their salaries; provided, however, that the salaries so fixed and determined shall be subject to the approval of the borough council and shall be within the limit of the funds appropriated by the borough council. No such employee whose salary is paid from public funds shall hold office in any political party. (Prior code § 2-45.3)

2.64.040 Powers and duties.

A. The board shall have full control over all lands, playgrounds and recreation places acquired or leased by the borough and may adopt suitable rules, regulations and bylaws for the use thereof and the conduct of all persons while on or using same; and any person who shall violate any of such rules, regulations or bylaws shall be deemed and adjudged to be a disorderly person. The custodians, supervisors and assistants appointed by the board shall, while on duty and for the purpose of preserving order and the observance of rules, regulations and bylaws of the board, have all the power and authority of police officers of the borough.

B. In order to provide the funds, in whole or in part, necessary to improve, maintain and police the playgrounds or recreation places

under its control, the board may arrange and provide for the giving of exhibitions, plays, concerts, games and contests and may use and employ such playgrounds or recreation places for the purpose of giving thereon exhibitions, plays, concerts, games and contests.

C. The board may charge and collect a reasonable admission fee for each person entering such playground or recreation place as a spectator during the time or times when the same is not being used or employed for such purposes but shall not use or employ any such playground or recreation place for such purpose for a greater period than a ratio of one hour to every two hours in each day during which the playground or recreation places are utilized nor when any such playground or recreation place is used for such purpose, no admission fee shall be charged or collected from children under twelve (12) years of age.

D. The board may charge and collect a reasonable service charge from persons using, as participants, special areas and facilities which require special maintenance and the use of which is restricted to relatively few people, in order to assist in the meeting or the operating cost thereof in whole or in part.

E. Acquisitions. The board shall conduct studies to select lands for public playgrounds and recreation places, and when necessary or advisable, conduct studies to select lands for an approach or approaches by way of ingress thereto and egress therefrom of such size and dimension as the board shall think suitable, regarding being had to the population of the neighborhood. The board shall render such reports to the borough council which may thereafter provide for the acquisition of the various lands selected and recommended by the board, either by way of gift, purchase or condemnation. In making such reports, the board shall cause surveys and maps to be made thereof, together with a careful estimate, as nearly accurate as need be, of the probable cost of acquiring such lands, and a statement of the annual rental and duration of term, if the board deems it advisable to lease the same, together with an estimated cost of preparing such lands and suitably equipping the same by the erection of buildings, stands, seats and other structures and apparatus for such playgrounds and recreation places.

F. The board shall maintain a system of public recreation, including playgrounds, and shall, on or before December 1st of each year, report to the borough council the estimated amount necessary to operate and maintain the system of public recreation. (Prior code § 2-45.4)

2.64.050 Expenses and finances.

A. The borough council shall annually fix, determine and appropriate a sum which the council, in its discretion, deems appropriate for the care, custody, policing and maintenance of the recreation program and the various expenses of the board of recreation commissioners.

B. All moneys received by the board shall be paid over to the borough treasurer and be kept by him or her in a special fund, which shall be under the control of the board and used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board.

C. The board of recreation commissioners shall not maintain its own financial records, but all financial records and financial matters, such as payroll and purchasing, shall be maintained by and conducted through the usual borough departments. (Prior code § 2-45.5)

2.64.060 Records and annual reports.

The board of recreation commissioners shall keep records of its meetings and activi-

ties and shall make an annual report to the borough council in December of each year. (Prior code § 2-45.6)

2.64.070 Advisory committee.

A committee to be known as the advisory committee to the board of recreation commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor and shall consist of up to seven nonvoting members. The members of the advisory committee shall be appointed for a one year term and shall serve until their respective successors are appointed. (Ord. 13/97 § 1: prior code § 2-45.7)

2.64.080 Memorial Day committee.

A committee to be known as the Memorial Day committee to the board of recreation commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor and shall consist of at least seven but not more than fifteen (15) people who shall serve for a one-year term. In addition, one member of the borough council and one member of the board of recreation commissioners shall be members of the committee. The committee shall be responsible for planning for and conducting the Annual Memorial Day Parade in the borough and any events commemorating the veterans of our country. (Prior code § 2-45.8)