

NELSONVILLE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Park & Recreation Commission shall consist of 5 members including one village trustee and 4 citizen members, designated by the village president and approved by the village board. The village trustee member shall be appointed for a 1-year term and citizen members for staggered 3-year terms. Members shall serve without financial compensation.

2. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

a. Parks. With respect to parks and open space, the commission shall have the powers and duties provided by §§27.08(1) and (2) and §§27.10(1), Wis. Stats. The acceptance of gifts of money or property and/or the acquisition of property or privileges for park purposes, as defined in §§27.08, Wis. Statutes can be accomplished only upon the recommendation of the commission and approval by the village board.

b. Recreation. The commission shall have the general jurisdiction over all adult and youth recreation programs, public parks, open space lands, and recreational facilities found thereon, subject to the approval or disapproval of the village board. The commission is authorized to establish fees, adopt rules and regulations for the proper use, care, safety and operation of the property under its control and the hiring of employees, providing there are budgeted funds for such hiring.

c. Plans. The commission shall develop a master plan for parks, open space and recreation which shall be subject to approval by the village board. Such plans shall be a projection of acquisition needs, development needs, recreation needs and facility maintenance needs. All matters which pertain to parks, recreation and open space shall be referred to the commission before official action being taken by the board of trustees or any other village commission or committee.

d. Finances. The commission shall pay all income from recreation activities to the village treasurer. All other finances shall be done in accordance with §§27.10(1) unless otherwise altered by the village board per their standing policies. The village board may develop a "Park and Recreation Trust" for which specific gifts, grants, bequests and the like are so given for park and recreation purposes. This trust shall be a non-lapsing account used specifically for the acquisition of parks and open space properties and the development of such. Money withdrawn from this trust can only be done upon the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission to the village board and approved by this board. The commission is authorized to seek out financial assistance from various levels of government, foundations, organizations, businesses and individuals for the purpose of advancing the Park and Recreation Commission directives and goals.