

ORDINANCE CONCERNING PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION

ORDINANCE 85-2

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION IN NEWTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS
AUTHORIZED BY IC 36-10-3**SECTION I**

Under the provision of IC 36-10-3 there is hereby created a County Department of Parks and Recreation.

SECTION II

A Park and Recreation Board shall be created composed of:

1. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court.
2. One (1) member shall be appointed by the Newton County Commissioners.
3. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Newton County Council.

The members appointed under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) shall be appointed on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation, but no more than one (1) member appointed under subdivisions (1) and (3) may be affiliated with the same political party.

The County extension agent or a member of the county extension committee selected by the committee may serve as an ex officio member of the county board, in addition to the members provided for above. Ex officio members have all the rights of regular members, including the right to vote.

SECTION III

Upon establishment of the board, the terms of its members shall be as follows:

1. The appointments by the circuit court judge shall be one (1) and three (3) year terms, respectively.
2. The appointment by the county commissioners shall be for a two (2) year term.
3. The appointments by the county council shall be for two (2) and four (4) year terms respectively.
4. The ex officio members representing the cooperative extension service and soil and water conservation district are appointed or re-appointed annually if they are included in the creating ordinance.

As a term expires, each new appointment shall be for a four (4) year term. All terms shall expire on the first Monday in January, but a member shall continue in office until his or her successor is appointed.

The appointing authorities shall make initial appointment within ninety (90) days after the creation of the department. If an appointment for any new term is not made by the first Monday in April, the incumbent shall serve another term. If a vacancy on the board occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a person for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION IV

At its first regular meeting in each year, the Board shall elect a president and a vice-president. The vice-president shall have authority to act as the president of the Board during the absence or disability of the president. The Board may select a secretary either from within or without its own membership.

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SECTION V

The Board shall have the power to perform all acts necessary to acquire and develop sites and facilities and to conduct such programs as are generally understood to be park and recreation functions. In addition the Board *shall* have all the powers and duties listed in IC 36-10-3-1 and following.

SECTION VI

The Board shall prepare and submit an annual budget in the same manner as other departments of County government as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. The Board may accept gifts, donation, and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

Enacted this 22nd day of July, 1985.

ATTEST: Vivian Ferguson, Auditor

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