

PROPOSED REVISIONS

ARTICLE I Board of Parks and Recreation

§ 12-1. Establishment; composition.

A. There is constituted for the City, a body to be known as the "Board of Parks and Recreation."

B. That said, Board of Recreation shall consist of 12 residents of the City and shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval and confirmation of the Council, who shall serve for terms of five years or until their successors are duly appointed; two of said members shall be appointed from among the members of the Board of School Directors of the School District of the City of Allentown upon the recommendation of said Board of School Directors, and they shall be members of the Board of Recreation only so long as they continue to be members of said Board of School Directors; nine of said members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Allentown; one shall be a representative of the Allentown Youth Organizations United To Help (A-Youth), said member shall be recommended from among the Board of the A-Youth Organizations United To Help (A-Youth) and shall serve only so long as he/she continues to be a member of said organization. One member shall be appointed from the Council of said City of Allentown, whose term of office shall not continue beyond the term of his/her office as Councilperson and the Mayor of the City of Allentown. Both shall act as an ex officio members and in the event of a tie in voting a coin flip may break the vote.

§ 12-2. Chairman and Secretary; compensation.

The Board of Recreation shall elect a Chairman and Secretary who shall serve for a period of one year. All members and officers shall serve without pay.

§ 12-3. Rules and regulations.

The Board of Recreation shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of all business within its jurisdiction, which rules and regulations shall be subject to the approval of Council. The board is responsible to report abuse, neglect. Inclusive of all ages, races, creeds; programming to not be offensive to religions.

Members must attend 50% of meetings, either virtual or in person. Attendance based recommendations can be forwarded to the member that is representing City Council for reappointment considerations. (Note: might refer to Mayor here, as the Mayor is responsible for appointments, Council confirms the mayor's proposed candidate.)

§ 12-4. Powers and duties.

With respect for the strong history of collaboration between the Allentown School District (ASD) and the City of Allentown, and in acknowledgment of the relationship between strong schools

and strong cities, the Recreation Commission will work to maximize recreation for students and residents within the city.

The Board shall:

1. Identify recreation solutions and make recommendations to Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration;
2. Recommend and plan programs to the appropriate agencies for the improvement of the quality of life within the City of Allentown;
3. Make recommendations as to the possible use and development of parks, trails, and other recreation amenities such as the skate park, pools and water parks, fields, courts and structures within the City of Allentown;
4. Promote recreation programs;
5. Advise City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration on park and recreation planning including promoting recreation programs and use of facilities;
6. Consider such parks and recreation tasks as requested by Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration.

§ 12-5. Annual reports.

The Board of Recreation shall annually prepare a written report of the year's activities, a one year plan and long-term goals and scenarios to enhance the City's recreational programs and facilities using a template provided by City Council. The report shall be provided to the Mayor and Allentown School District, and shall be presented to Allentown City Council at a public meeting. The board will provide updates to the Parks and Recreation Committee as requested.

CURRENT CODE

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[Adopted 12-12-1921 by Ord. No. 1271 (Article 164 of the 1962 Codified Ordinances)]

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§ 12-4 Powers and duties.

The Board of Recreation shall, with the approval of Council and the Board of School Directors, supervise and maintain the playgrounds, playfields and other recreation centers which have been or hereafter may be established by the City or the School District. It shall recommend from time to time to Council and to the Board of School Directors the amounts deemed advisable to be appropriated for the supervision and maintenance of such playgrounds, playfields and other recreation centers. It shall advise with and recommend to the superintendents of schools the appointment of competent playground instructors and generally act in an advisory capacity to Council and the Board of School Directors in all matters pertaining to recreation. The Board of Recreation shall have no power or authority to enter into any contracts, engagements or create any indebtedness for or on behalf of the City or the School District.

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[Amended 6-2-2010 by Ord. No. 14800]

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