

**ALLEN COUNTY CODE TITLE 9
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

ARTICLE 1

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION AND REPEALING ALL
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH**

9-1-1 Chapter 1: Establishment of Park Board

9-1-1-1 Appointment of Members

The Allen County Park and Recreation Board shall be re-established in accordance with I.C. 36-10-3, and the Board shall be composed of:

- (a) Two (2) members appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court.
- (b) One (1) member appointed by the County Commissioners.
- (c) Two (2) members appointed by the County Council.

9-1-1-2 Qualifications of Appointees

Members appointed under 9-1-1-1 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 9-1-1-1 (a) and shall be affiliated with the same political party.

9-1-1-3 Ex-Officio Board Members

- (a) (The County Extension Committee shall select one of its members, the County Extension Coordinator, or the County Extension Agent to serve as an ex-officio board member
- (b) The Mayor of Fort Wayne shall appoint one person as an ex-officio board member. The member appointed by the Mayor must be affiliated with a different political party than the member appointed by the County Commissioners.
- (c) Ex-officio board members have all the rights of regular members, including the right to vote.

9-1-2 Chapter 2: Terms of Park Board Members

9-1-2-1 Initial Terms

Upon re-establishment of the Board, the initial terms of its members shall be as follows:

- (a) The appointments by the Circuit Court Judge shall be one (1) and three (3) year terms respectively.
- (b) The appointment by the County Commissioners shall be for a two (2) year term.
- (c) The appointments by the Council shall be for two (2) and four (4) year terms respectively.
- (d) The appointment by the Mayor shall be coterminous with the Mayor's Term of office.
- (e) The appointment by the County Extension Committee shall terminate at the discretion of the County Extension Committee.
- (f) The initial terms will be deemed to have begun on January 7, 1985, regardless of the actual date on which the appointments are made.

9-1-2-2 Expiration of Term

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.

9-1-2-3 Successor Appointments

The appointing authorities shall make initial Appointments within 90 days after 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.

9-1-2-4 Vacancy

If a vacancy on the Board occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

9-1-3 Chapter 3: Officers of the Board

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 elect a secretary either from within or without its own membership.

9-1-4 Chapter 4: Powers of the Board

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

9-1-5 Chapter 5: Creation of Advisory Council and Special Committees

The Board may create an advisory council and special committees composed of citizens interested in the problem of parks and recreation in accordance with I.C. 36-10-3-17.

9-1-6 Chapter 6: Budget

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, donations and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

9-1-7 Chapter 7: Repeal of Former Ordinances

All other ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

9-1-8 Chapter 8: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after April 18, 1985, according to the laws of the State of Indiana (superseding the ordinances passed by Council on June 23, 1985; and on March 15, 1985).