

ORDINANCE NO. 24 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD TO MAINTAIN, OPERATE, AND SUPERVISE THE PUBLIC PARKS, PLAY FIELDS AND ALL OUTDOOR AND INDOOR RECREATION AREAS AND FACILITIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

WHEREAS, the Recreation Enabling Legislation, enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, provides that

a. Every civil subdivision of the Commonwealth shall have a general plan of its parks and playgrounds;

b. Every civil subdivision may acquire lands, property, and buildings for the purpose of establishing and maintaining public parks, parkways, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools, or indoor recreation centers;

c. Every civil subdivision may provide for supervising, equipping, and maintaining public recreation areas and facilities through any existing body or through a recreation board;

d. All civil subdivisions may levy and collect such special taxes as they deem necessary to finance the operation and maintenance of their recreation system and they may make direct appropriations for same;

e. Any city, borough, township, county, or school district may perform the above public service jointly with any combination of civil subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, it is the considered judgement of the Board of Supervisors that adequate public recreation programs and facilities of and in the Township of Monroe can best be advanced by placing the recreation system under the supervision and direction of a legally constituted recreation board authorized by the Recreation Enabling Legislation of Pennsylvania and The Second Class Township Code, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Monroe hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby created a recreation board known as the "Monroe Township Recreation Board".

Section 2. That the board shall be composed of seven persons, two of whom shall be members or appointees of the school board. All members shall serve for terms of five years or until their successors are appointed except that the members of such board first appointed

shall be appointed for such terms that the term of not more than two members shall expire annually thereafter. Members of the board shall serve without pay. All persons appointed shall serve their full terms unless voluntarily resigned or removed by the Board of Supervisors for dereliction or neglect of duty. Vacancies in such board occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired term, and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

Section 3. That the recreation board shall build, maintain, operate, and supervise the public parks, playfields, and all outdoor and indoor recreation areas and facilities owned or controlled by the Township of Monroe.

Section 4. That the members of the recreation board shall elect their own chairman and secretary and select all other necessary officers, to serve for a period of one year; and shall have power to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of all business within their jurisdiction.

Section 5. That the jurisdiction of the board shall include the right to select, employ and discharge all recreation personnel used to carry out the purposes of the board, and may appoint an executive director or superintendent of recreation who possesses the necessary qualifications and who has demonstrated by actual work his ability to organize and to direct a community recreation system, and to supervise the activities of the other recreation personnel in the program.

Section 6. That the board shall submit an annual report to the township supervisors, including an analysis of the community recreation areas, facilities and leadership with particular reference to the extent and adequacy of the program and its effectiveness in view of the public expenditure involved and the public needs to be met. The recreation board shall make such additional full and complete reports to the governing body at such time as may be designated or requested by the governing body.

Section 7. That the board may accept any grant, gift, bequest or donation of services, equipment, real estate, or money from any individual or group, to be used as specified by the donor or by the terms of acceptance. The recreation board shall have no authority to

enter into any contract or incur any obligation binding upon the Township of Monroe, other than current obligations or contracts to be fully executed within the then current fiscal year, and all within the budget appropriations made by the governing body of the Township of Monroe.

Section 8. That the fund appropriated by the governing body of the Township of Monroe and budgeted to the recreation board shall be disbursed by the fiscal disbursing officer of the township upon vouchers issued by the recreation board and within the budget appropriations made. Funds received by the recreation board from sources other than budget appropriations shall be deposited by the Township of Monroe to the credit and for the use of the said board and disbursed as the above budget funds are disbursed, except that funds received by gift, bequest, or otherwise, shall be disbursed in accordance with the terms of such gift or bequest, or the terms of the acceptance thereof. The fiscal year of the recreation board shall conform to that of the township.

Section 9. That such powers as are now or may hereafter be provided by Statute of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or by ordinances of the Township of Monroe relating to the development and operation of the recreation system, public parks, and playgrounds are hereby vested in the Monroe Township Recreation Board, to be exercised by it subject to any and all restrictions contained in such statutes and ordinances.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately

Passed unanimously this 7th day of January 1970.

MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Frederic A. Roush
Chairman

James A. Maust
Member

Hennis J. Beaver
Member

Attest:

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Secretary