

Chapter 47

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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GENERAL REFERENCES

History, Parks and Culture Commission — See Ch. 29.
Planning Commission — See Ch. 53.
Parks and recreation — See Ch. 151.

§ 47-1. Establishment of Board.

There is hereby created, pursuant to the Borough Code, as amended, a board to be known as the "North Wales Parks and Recreation Board" ("Board"). This Board shall be composed of seven residents of North Wales Borough who shall serve as noted herein in an advisory capacity to the Borough and the governing body.

§ 47-2. Appointment; terms of office.

Members of the Board shall be appointed by Borough Council in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. Board members shall serve for a term of five years, or until their successors are appointed, except that members first appointed shall be appointed so that the terms of not more than two members expire annually. All persons appointed shall serve their full terms unless they voluntarily resign or are removed by the Borough for excessive absence, dereliction or neglect of duty. Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired term and shall be filled in the manner as original appointments.
- B. Whenever possible, due consideration will be given to representation from various geographical sections of the Borough or from a variety of personal interests and expertise.

§ 47-3. Service without pay.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation for their services but may be reimbursed by the Borough for all legitimate expenses incurred in performing their duties.

§ 47-4. Advisory role and mission.

This Board is to be advisory and shall coordinate its activities with the various elected officials, Planning Commission, where appropriate, and all other municipal bodies. The mission of the Board in its broad sense is to plan, implement, coordinate, schedule, manage and oversee all of the recreational aspects of the municipality as well as its parks and open spaces.

§ 47-5. Authority of Board.

The Board shall have the following powers in addition to those provided by state and local laws:

- A. Identify the open space, recreation, park and trail needs of the Borough.
- B. Plan and supervise recreation programs approved by the Borough Council.
- C. Recommend plans, programs, and policies regarding the provision of recreation and park services and establish priorities for spending.
- D. Advise Borough Council in the acquisition and development of open space and recreation centers and park lands.
- E. Undertake recreation and park tasks as requested by Borough Council from time to time.
- F. Advise Borough Council on funding for parks and recreation programs. Make recommendations on operation and capital budget needs and fees.

§ 47-6. Reporting.

The Board shall keep minutes of all its public meetings (except executive sessions) and will submit the same to the Borough Council. In addition, the Board shall submit an annual report to the Borough Council, including an analysis of the adequacy and effectiveness of community recreation areas, facilities, events and leadership.

§ 47-7. Annual budget; funding.

The Board, at such times as directed by the Borough Council, shall annually submit a proposed budget for the ensuing year, setting forth all proposed expenditures, salaries, and programs with sufficient justification. In addition, the Board may seek

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appropriate private and public funding to meets its programs,
needs and operations.