

**WANTAGE TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE #2017-09**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RECREATION  
AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage created a Board of Recreation Commissioners which was codified in the Ordinances of the Township of Wantage in Section 2-7.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is desirous to replace the Board of Recreation Commissioners with a Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1. Membership; term of office.**

- (a) There shall be a Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee consisting of five (5) members and up to two (2) alternates appointed by the Township Committee.
- (b) The initial terms of the members shall be as follows: two (2) members for a term of three years each, two (2) members for a term of two years each, and one (1) member for a term of one year. The terms of the successors to the members shall be for three years each. The initial terms for the alternate members shall be as follows: one (1) member for a term of two years, and one (1) member for a term of one year. The terms of the successors to the members shall be for two years each.
- (b) After the initial appointments, all future membership appointments shall be made at the annual reorganization meeting.

**Section 2. Powers and duties.**

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee shall:

- (1) Conduct studies of the present and future recreation needs of the Township, and develop immediate and long range plans for recommendation to the Township Committee.
- (2) Develop and recommend to the Township Committee a year round program of recreational activities for all Township residents to be administered by the Township.
- (3) Review, plan for and advise the Township Committee regarding the the development and redevelopment of open space, park land, Lake Neepaulin and bikeways which are owned, to be owned, or otherwise available for use by the Township and maintain, use and control open

space, park land, Lake Neepaulin and bikeways owned or otherwise available for use by the Township.

- (4) Coordinate its activities, and cooperate with other Committees and trusted with responsibilities relating to the environment, open space and recreation.
- (5) Prepare and submit quarterly to the Township Committee a summary report of activities undertaken by the Committee for the previous quarter.

**Section 3.**

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee shall be permitted to recommend, for the appointment of personnel as may be required to supervise an implement the various recreational programs. The Governing Body shall have the authority to make appointments as deemed necessary and appropriate. Such appointees shall be under the supervision of the Administrator.

**Section 4.**

The Committee repeals Section 2-7 of the Wantage Ordinance creating the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

**Section 5. Severability.**

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

**Section 7. Effective Dates.**

This Ordinance will take effect after publication and passage according to law.

ATTEST:

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Jonathan Morris, Mayor

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Debra J. Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk

NOTICE is given that this ordinance amendment was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on June 8, 2017. It will be further considered for final passage with the proposed ordinance after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee to be held in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey 07461, on June 22, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., and copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Administrator's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

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Debra J. Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk