

Chapter 63

RECREATION AND PARKS

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§ 63-1. Title.

This local law shall be known and may be cited as the "Recreation and Parks Law of the Village of Liberty."

§ 63-2. Jurisdiction.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall have jurisdiction over the parks within the Village of Liberty and over the Joseph F. Griebel Memorial Park located outside the Village of Liberty, but such jurisdiction shall not extend over the premises belonging to Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Liberty, Bethel, Fallsburg, Neversink, Rockland, and Thompson, in Sullivan County, New York.

§ 63-3. Establishment of Commission; powers, expenditures.

There is hereby established a Recreation Commission for the Village of Liberty, Sullivan County, New York, which shall have the power to plan, equip, operate and maintain playgrounds, recreation centers, open spaces and areas and youth and adult recreation programs and facilities subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty. No expenditures for capital improvements or appropriation of land shall be made without the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty.

§ 63-4. Members; terms; compensation; vacancies.

The Commission shall consist of five (5) persons who shall be residents of the Village of Liberty and who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board for terms of five (5) years or until their successors are appointed, except that the members of such Commission first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the term of one (1) Commissioner shall expire annually thereafter. Members of such Commission shall serve without pay. Vacancies in such Commission which may occur other than by the expiration of a term shall be filled by the Village Board and shall be for the unexpired term only. Likewise, the Village Manager shall serve as an ex officio member of the Commission.

§ 63-5. Powers of Commission.

The following powers, subject to the reservation of powers set forth hereinafter, are hereby delegated to the Recreation Commission:

- A. The improvement and maintenance of all parks, playgrounds, recreational centers and recreational facilities now located in the Village of Liberty and the Joseph F. Griebel Memorial Park or properties to be acquired only with the approval of the Board of Trustees or leased by them in the future only with the approval of the Board of

Trustees with the power to improve or make additions to the same.

- B. The power to use:
 - (1) Such property of the Village of Liberty as the Board of Trustees may from time to time set apart therefor.
 - (2) With the consent of the owners and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty, such private property as may be suitable and desirable therefor.
- C. The power to adopt and continue rules and procedures for all business conducted within its jurisdiction and such rules and regulations for the operation and conduct of recreation facilities and the carrying out of recreation programs as it may deem necessary and which shall be fit and proper for the recreation and welfare of the residents within the area of the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- D. The power to equip, maintain and operate such playgrounds, community recreational centers, public playfields, open spaces and areas, swimming pools and other recreational facilities as may be authorized by law subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty.
- E. Except as may be reserved hereinafter, the power to make such purchases of materials, supplies and equipment as may be necessary to fulfill its purposes and programs, provided that all such expenditures are within the limits of its annual budget as hereinafter provided for and within the limitations of the annual appropriations made for such purchases and subject to the authorization and audit of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty.
- F. The power to employ individuals from time to time with the consent and approval of the Village Board of Trustees.

§ 63-6. Reservation of powers.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty expressly reserves the following powers:

- A. The power to take any steps deemed necessary in connection with the finances of the Commission.
- B. The power to lease, purchase or otherwise acquire additional real property for use as parks.
- C. The power to assign employees to the Commission from various departments and agencies of the Village of Liberty and to assign employees of the Commission to other departments of the village.
- D. The power of such general regulation as the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty may from time to time deem expedient and necessary.

§ 63-7. Commission officers.

The Commission shall elect officers at their annual meeting for terms of one (1) year. The officers shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

§ 63-8. Meetings.

Meetings shall be held on a monthly basis. Likewise, the annual meeting shall be held in the month of April every year. A quorum shall consist of three (3) members. Also, special meetings may be called by the Chairman from time to time or upon written request of any three (3) members. Meetings shall be conducted under the standard form as presented in Robert's Rules of Order.

§ 63-9. Programs, events and projects.

The Commission shall be authorized and empowered to arrange, conduct and supervise sports, play, crafts, dramatics and any other types of recreational and cultural programs, events and projects and shall adopt rules and regulations for the safe and proper conduct of such events and for the regulation of the qualifications and conduct of those participating therein.

§ 63-10. Budget and reports.

The Commission shall annually, prior to the time of the preparation of the village budget, prepare and submit to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty an appropriately drawn and detailed budget of its estimated expenses for the next ensuing year. In addition, it shall submit a detailed monthly report of its operations as well as such other reports at such other times as the Village Board may require.