

**ORDINANCE NO: 2023-BC-O- 19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING A  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND  
REPEALING OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH**

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

**Section I - Established**

Under the provisions of I.C. 36-10-3 there is hereby created a Madison County Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Section II - Composition**

A Park and Recreation Board is hereby established and shall be composed of:

- A. Two (2) members appointed by the Madison County Council, which members must be affiliated with different political parties;
- B. Two (2) members appointed by the Madison County Board of Commissioners, which members must be affiliated with different political parties; and
- C. One (1) member appointed by the Madison County Surveyor's Office.

**Section III – Term**

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

- A. Board of Commissioners and County Council Appointees: The term of office for the members appointed by the Commissioners or County Council shall be four (4) years, except for those bodies' initial appointees to the Park and Recreation Board, such that one of the initial appointees from each appointing body shall have a term of two (2) years, and the other initial appointee from each appointing body shall have a term of four (4) years.
- B. Madison County Surveyor's Appointee: The term of office for the Surveyor's appointee shall be one (1) year.
- C. All terms expire on the first Monday in January.

#### **Section IV – Officers and Duties**

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 select a secretary either from within or outside its own membership.

The Board shall have the power to perform all acts necessary to acquire and develop sites and facilities and to conduct such programs as 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.

#### **Section V – Meetings and Powers**

The Board shall meet on a regular and recurring basis with a schedule established by the Board.

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#### **Section VI – 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, donation, and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

#### **Section VII – Additional Considerations**

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

#### **Section VIII – Enactment and Enforcement**

All other ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and approval, according to the laws of the State of Indiana.


**SO ORDAINED** this 17th day of October, 2023.

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**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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