

**FROM THE DESK OF DON KRAHER
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**



Item 17 – 19-00322

To: Council President and Members of City Council
From: Don Kraher, Council Executive
Date: 7.18.2019
Re: Information request pertaining to Parks & Recreation Board

1. Citizen attendance for the previous year for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Architectural Review Board, Environmental Advisory Board and Parks & Rec Board

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

2. Could the Parks & Rec Board meet in Hagler-Mason so the meeting could be live streamed?

YES, but their meeting would have to end by 9:30 a.m. (given an 8:00 a.m. starting time) as we have addition meetings following and there needs to be time to set up the room

3. Info on creation of the Parks & Rec Board

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

4. What advise has the Parks & Rec Board given to the City Council in the past 2 years?

A letter of support for the Soccer Complex, however that letter came to the Council after the fact.

The board has provided motion recommendations when items come to City Council for action.

The board mostly gives Parks & Rec staff opinions, ideas and at times advice. Where appropriate, those are parlayed into action items where Council approval is needed and/or are within the means of Parks & Rec.

MONTH	ZBA	PLANNING	ARB	EAB	PARKS & REC
June 2018				3	2
July 2018	7		12	1	
August 2018			11	3	7
September 2018	6	32	21	3	2
October 2018		12	26	5	1
November 2018			41	13	4
December 2018	4		22 / 9	11	3
January 2019		14	20	9	4
February 2019		14	13	13	5
March 2019		2	24		8
April 2019	10	5	14	5	3
May 2019	1	6	20	2	3
June 2019	3		24		
July 2019		17			

ZBA -- Zoning Board of Adjustment

PLANNING -- Planning Board

ARB - Architectural Review Board

EAB -- Environmental Advisory Board

PARKS & REC -- Parks & Recreation Board

Blank spaces indicate either no meeting being held or information not yet available.

History / Creation of the Parks and Recreation Board

In 1946, the Parks & Recreation Board was established as a five (5)-member board appointed by the Mayor for a 5-year term.

By 1967, it had become a Board appointed by the City Council making recommendations to the Council and the City Manager (remembering that we functioned under a Council / Manager form of government at that time.)

Fast forward to February of 2010, the Parks and Recreation Board consisted of seven (7) members who were appointed by the City Council. Their duties were to provide, conduct and supervise public playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers and other recreation facilities and activities on any of the properties owned or controlled by the City, after the playgrounds, fields, recreation and amusement centers have been designated by the Council, or on other properties with the consent of the owners and authorities. The Board had the power to conduct any form of recreation or cultural activity that will employ leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner.

Keeping in mind the change in forms of government, any reference to reporting to the City Manager was changed (for the most part) throughout the Code of Ordinances by replacing City Manager with Mayor.

In August of 2012, an amendment to Section 6-2-1 was approved, which brought the number of members to nine (9), appointed by the City Council. The duties at that time remained the same.

In August of 2013, Section 6-2-3 – Duties were amended to read: The Parks and Recreation Board shall advise and make recommendations to the City Council, and shall advise the Mayor's Office via the Director of Neighborhood Services on matters concerning the establishment, maintenance and operation of parks within the city. The Board shall provide input on master plan updates and improvements and policy development for the use of recreational facilities.

In May of 2017, Section 6-2-3 – Duties was further amended, adding "and recreational activities," The Parks and Recreation Board shall advise and make recommendations to the City Council, and shall advise the Mayor's Office via the Director of Neighborhood Services on matters concerning the establishment, maintenance and operation of parks and recreational activities within the city. The Board shall provide input on master plan updates and improvements and policy development for the use of recreational facilities.

The current language as far as the number of members and duties remains the same, with no further amendments taking place since 2017.