

ORDINANCE NUMBER 146

BENTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COUNTY PARK COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE 398.34 and 398.36.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Commissioners as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established the Benton County Park Commission. There shall be seven (7) voting members on the County Park Commission. There shall be one member from each of the five county commissioner districts. There shall be two additional members, namely, one county commissioner and the county extension director. Each of the members of the County Park Commission must be a resident of Benton County during his entire term of office.

Section 2. All membership appointments to the County Park Commission shall be made by a majority vote of the County Board of Commissioners. Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the County Board, and the appointee shall serve for an unexpired term so filled.

Section 3. Appointments to the County Park Commission shall be made in January of each year. The County Board representative shall be appointed for a one year term only, but may be reappointed for successive terms. The county extension director shall be a member of the Park Commission by virtue of his office.

Except as hereinafter provided, the terms of the other five members appointed under this Ordinance shall be staggered: one member for one year, two members for two years each, and two members for three years each. The County Board in making the appointment shall designate the length of the first term of office of each of the said five members. Thereafter, the term of office of the successor appointees shall be three years, except as above specified in the case of vacancies.

Upon enactment and publication of this Ordinance, the existing Park Commission shall be deemed discharged with the grateful

thanks to the citizens of Benton County. The County Board shall then appoint the members to the Park Commission according to the terms of this Ordinance. Said appointees shall serve until the County Board makes the January appointments. Service on the Park Commission during the interim shall not be included in computing the term of office commencing in January, 1983.

Each member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Any member of the Park Commission who misses three consecutive meetings is subject to removal at the pleasure of the County Board.

Section 4. The County Park Commission shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer who shall serve for such terms, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed in the rules of said Commission.

Section 5. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at such times and places as may be prescribed in the rules of the Commission or as may be fixed by the chairman, consistent with such rules.

Section 6. A majority of voting members at a meeting of said Commission shall be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of said County Park Commission:

A. To study and determine the park and recreation needs of Benton County and to make recommendations to the County Board in respect thereof, including general and specific matters of policies and of recreational programs in furtherance of said need of the County.

B. To make recommendations to the County Board in respect of the selection of park and recreational personnel.

C. To submit to the County Board annually a park and recreation program for the ensuing fiscal year, together with an estimate of

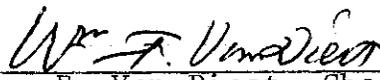
the cost thereof.

D. To perform such other lawful duties as may be assigned by the Board.

Section 8. Any recommendation of the County Park Commission which requires action by the County Board to carry it out shall be submitted in writing. Upon final disposition thereof, the County Board shall promptly advise the County Park Commission of the action taken thereon.

Section 9. The members of the County Park Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall receive a per diem and mileage allowance as set by the County Board.

Adopted this 21st day of September, 1982.



Wm. F. Van Diest, Chairman

ATTEST:



Ray Cariveau, Clerk

(To the Auditor: Publish once and file and record in Ordinance Book as required by M.S.398.34. File affidavits of publication as required by M.S. 375.51)