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Sec. 9-101 Parks and Recreation Commission Established

There is hereby established a Parks and Recreation Commission. This Commission shall be appointed by the City Council and shall consist of five (5) persons. The City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director may serve as ex-officio members, without voting privileges.

Members of the board shall serve for three years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. Original members of the Commission shall be appointed for such terms that one or two members shall expire annually thereafter. Appointments shall be made during January of each year. Vacancies in the Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of terms shall be filed by the City Council for the unexpired term. If the Council does not fill the vacancy within 60 days, the Recreation Commission may point someone to fill that position.

The Commission shall be responsible to the City Council for performing any duties regarding recreation that may be delegated to it.

Sec. 9-102 Organization

Immediately after their appointments, the Commission members shall meet and organize by electing one of their members chairman and such other officers as may be necessary. The Commission shall have the power to adopt By-Laws, subject to review and approval by the City Council.

Sec. 9-103 Powers and Duties

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall provide, conduct and supervise public playgrounds, playfields, indoor recreation centers, parks and other recreational areas and facilities owned or controlled by the City. It shall have the power to conduct any form of recreation or cultural activities that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner. It may conduct such activities on public properties under its jurisdiction, on other public properties with the consent of the authorities thereof, and on private property with the consent of the owners. The Commission shall work with the Manager and the City Council to ensure that adequate insurance coverage is available before undertaking a particular activity.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall have the maintenance responsibility for Teague Park, Hardison Playground, the park in front of the Caribou Fire Station, the lawns and landscaped areas in the downtown area, Monument Park, North Caribou Park, the Collins Pond Park area, and such other park and recreation areas that may be developed by the Commission or given to the Commission by the City Council.

Sec. 9-104 Superintendent

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall participate in the appointment of a Superintendent who is trained and properly qualified for the work, and such other personnel as the Commission deems proper, to carry out the functions of the Commission. Final decision concerning these appointments will rest with the City Manager in accordance with Section 2.19, Section 3.04, and Section 4.01 of the City Charter.

Sec. 9-105 Budget and Gifts

Annually the Commission shall submit a budget to the City Council for its approval. The Commission may solicit or receive any gifts or bequests of money or other personal property or any donation to the playgrounds, parks or other recreational purposes, subject to the approval of the Council.

Sec. 9-106 Annual Report

The recreation Commission shall make an annual report to the City Council and such other reports as from time to time may be requested by the City Council.

Historical Note: Originally, Chapter VII, 1956 Caribou Code; revised June 4, 1980; amended December 28, 1992; Section 9-103 as amended October 10, 2006.

State Law Reference: 30 MRSA § 1903, 1904, 1905, 3853 and 5052

Charter Reference: Article II, Section 2.19(a)(10)