

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ORDINANCE NO. ORD: 18/10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2-40, TITLED "RECREATION COMMISSION", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-40.2 TITLED "TERMS OF OFFICE", BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-40.3 TITLED "DUTIES," BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SUBSECTION 2-40.5 TITLED "EXPENDITURES AND REPORTS" WITH SUBSECTION 2-40.5 TITLED "EXPENDITURES" AND ADDING SECTION 2-40.6 TITLED "MEETINGS AND MINUTES."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows¹:

Section 1. §2-40.2 "Terms of Office" is hereby amended as follows:

Six (6) regular members, exclusive of the Council member, residents of the Borough shall be appointed to the Recreation Commission as Commissioners for a term of five (5) years. However, terms of the Recreation Commissioners shall be staggered so that the terms of not more than two (2) members shall expire in any one (1) year. Members of the Recreation Commission shall serve in office until their successors have been duly appointed. The Council member appointed by the Mayor shall serve for such period as is designated by the Mayor or until the Council Member's term of office expires and until his successor has been appointed. The Recreation Commission shall designate, from their own membership, one Commissioner to serve as Chairman and another Commissioner to serve as Secretary. Deputy Commissioners shall serve for such time as the Recreation Commission may determine in their discretion. The alternate members shall also be residents of the Borough and shall serve for a term of five (5) years except that the initial terms of the alternates shall be staggered, with Alternate No. 1 being appointed to an initial term of five (5) years and Alternate No. 2 being appointed to an initial term of three (3) years, and thereafter the alternates shall be appointed for five (5) years.

Section 2. §2-40.3 "Duties" is hereby amended as follows:

¹Editor's Note: The portions to be deleted are shown with strike-outs and will be deleted from the codified version of this Ordinance and the underlined portions will remain in the codified version of this Ordinance.

The Recreation Commission shall supervise all public playgrounds and recreation facilities and activities of the Borough, and may cause surveys to be made to be submitted to the Mayor and Council with recommendations for the improvement, maintenance or expansion of recreation facilities in the Borough. The Recreation Commission shall also work with the Environmental Commission, whose responsibilities also include the acquisition of property for open space, environmental or recreational purposes, and the Historical Committee, whose responsibilities also include matters pertaining to historic sites. Before any recommendation is made to the Borough Council, that recommendation will be presented to the Environmental Commission and Historical Committee for their comment, which comment will be forward to the Borough Council, with the Recreation Commission's recommendation. The Recreation Commission will also consult with any other committees, commissions or other body it deems appropriate. The Recreation Commission shall recognize, in its discretion, voluntary recreation groups of citizens of the Borough, and appoint Deputy Commissioners to act as liaisons for such groups. The Deputy Commissioners shall establish schedules for review by the Recreation Commission in order to reasonably allocate the resources of the Borough's recreation facilities and maintain those facilities in proper order

Section 3. §2-40.5 "Expenditures; Records and Reports" is hereby repealed and replaced with §2-40.5 "Expenditures" as follows:

The Watchung Recreation Commission shall expend no funds and shall incur no expenses. The Borough Council may authorize the expenditure of funds by specifying such expenditures in the annual budget. All expenditures as budgeted shall be approved by the Borough Council.

Section 4. §2-40.6 "Meetings and Minutes" is hereby added as follows:

a. Schedule of Meetings. The Chairman of the Recreation Commission shall annually, within the first two weeks of January, schedule a minimum of four quarterly meetings which will be posted on the Borough Website. Such meetings may be cancelled by the Chairman, within one week thereof. Notice of any cancellation must be posted on the Borough's Website.

b. Minutes. The Secretary of the Recreation Commission shall keep minutes of all meetings of same. All minutes will be transmitted to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung within one week after approval. All such minutes are government records subject to disclosure pursuant to the state's Open Public Records Act.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Michelle DeRocco, Clerk

Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

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