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RE: County Park Board Appointee General Information

Explanation of the Role:

Nearly all county park departments in Indiana are governed by a seven-member board. These board members gather monthly, in person or electronically, to meet with the Park Department's Director/Superintendent and set policy for the department, to propose department policies, to monitor the department's progress on its strategic plan, and to approve expenditures in accordance with the department's budget.

In Indiana, county park department board members are not elected, but instead appointed, by local elected officials which may include representatives from their local county and school corporation. Board members serve four-year terms which may be renewed for up to four consecutive terms. Board members receive compensation for attending monthly board meetings.

County park department board members are community members of the park department they serve. In fact, board members are required to have resided in the service area of the department they will serve for at least two years immediately before becoming a board member. Ideally, county park department board members should be park users themselves. They should be advocates for the parks in the community. They should be lifelong learners and willing to seek professional development opportunities to hone their skills as a board member. Most importantly, they should always make decisions with the community's needs in mind. All county park department board members are required to take an oath of office before serving.

Per the Indiana Open Door law, public park department board meetings are open to the public to attend. Whether or not public comment is on the agenda is determined locally by the policies of each park department board. There are rare occasions that a board may hold an executive – or, private – session, in which case they are required to post a meeting notice stating the reason for meeting in private. Boards are not allowed to vote or take final action in an executive session.

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department's mission statement is as follows:



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“The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department exists to serve the leisure and recreation needs of its residents and tourists, and to enhance the quality of life in the county. We strive to preserve and provide high-quality, passive parks and facilities, to offer historical and natural resource education and services, and to be recognized as a leader and resource for our community and its citizens in the pursuit of living an environmentally responsible lifestyle.”

If you are interested in serving as a board member at your county’s park department, you may contact the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department’s Administration Office or the various appointing authorities in your service area to let them know you are interested in serving should a vacancy arise. The appointing authorities have the final decision on selection.



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