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Benton County Ordinance No. 465

An Ordinance Amending Benton County Ordinance No. 355

Whereas, the Benton County Board of Commissioners wishes to re-establish a Park Commission;
and,

Whereas, to make the Park Commission more manageable and to reduce problems finding Park Commission members, the County Board reduces the number of Parks Commission members from nine to five; and,

Whereas, the County Board desires to appoint Park Commission members from each of the five County Commissioner districts but may not necessarily follow this tenant if no prospective Park Commission members are willing to serve from each district; and,

Whereas, a duly-noticed public hearing was conducted on these ordinance revisions May 15, 2018.

Now, therefore, Ordinance 355 is hereby amended as follows:

**Benton County Ordinance No. 355
(Adopted April 1, 2003)**

An Ordinance establishing a Benton County Park Commission

Whereas, the Benton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of citizen involvement in county issues; and,

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes Section 398.36 authorizes the county board to establish a park commission; and,

Whereas, the Benton County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on April 1, 2003 to consider adoption of this ordinance; and,

Whereas notices of public hearing were published in the official newspaper of Benton County on March 4, 2003; now, therefore,

The County Board of Benton County Ordains:

1. There is hereby created the Benton County Park Commission, which shall consist of five ~~nine~~ members to be appointed by the Benton County Board of Commissioners. If possible, Park Commission members shall reside in each of the five County Commissioner districts. However, if no qualified members from each Commissioner district are willing to serve, Commission members may be appointed when residing within any district in the County. Two of the members shall be Benton County Commissioners, one members shall be a parks and recreation or planning professional, one member shall be a conservation or environmental advocate, and five members shall be citizens of Benton County, including one resident from each of the five county commissioner districts.

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- 2. Term of Office. The term of all park commission members shall be for three years, and shall be staggered so no more than ~~two~~ three members terms expire in any given year. All regular terms shall expire on December 31st. No members may serve more than three consecutive three-year terms.
- 3. Duties. The Benton County Park Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Benton County Board of Commissioners, providing recommendations to the board regarding the planning, development, funding and evaluation of park and recreation facilities and programs.

The Commission shall adhere to the requirements of the by-laws of the Benton County Park Commission, as adopted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners.

- 4. Compensation. Commission members shall receive per diem and mileage reimbursement, in an amount set by the Benton County Board of Commissioners for attending ~~regular monthly~~ meetings.

Be it further ordained that the Benton County Board of Commissioners adopt the by-laws of the Benton County Park Commission, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.


This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2003

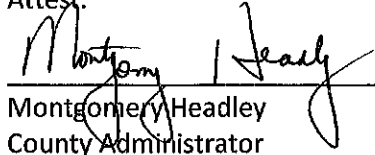
Benton County Board of Commissioners
/s/ Richard J. Soyka, Chair

Attest:
/s/ Vicki Feuling, Count Clerk
For Dave Loch, Interim County Coordinator

Adopted this 15th day of May 2018 and effective upon its publication in the official newspapers of Benton County.



Edward D. Popp
Board Chair

Attest:


Montgomery Headley
County Administrator