

Parks & Recreation Committee Authority Policy

Village of New Haven
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Purpose

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Committee is to provide guidance and recommendations regarding the development, maintenance, and enhancement of the Village's parks, recreational facilities, and community recreation opportunities.

Advisory Role

The Parks and Recreation Committee serves in an **advisory capacity to the Village Council**. The Committee may review issues, develop recommendations, and assist in identifying community recreation needs; however, the Committee does not possess independent administrative or operational authority.

Responsibilities

The Committee's responsibilities include:

1. Reviewing and recommending updates to the Village **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**.
2. Identifying and recommending park improvement projects and recreation initiatives.
3. Providing input on park policies, rules, and procedures.
4. Assisting in identifying grant opportunities and recreation funding sources.
5. Serving as a liaison between the community and the Village Council regarding parks and recreation matters.

Limitations of Authority

The Parks and Recreation Committee shall **not**:

- Enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of the Village.
- Direct Village employees or staff.
- Commit Village funds.
- Independently authorize vendors, performers, or event services.
- Assume operational control of Village events or facilities.

All such authority rests with the **Village Council and Village Administration** as defined by Village policy and ordinance.

Coordination with Village Administration

Administrative staff assigned by the Village shall provide support to the Committee and are responsible for the **implementation and operational coordination** of approved programs, park maintenance, and civic events.