

## CHAPTER 2.20. - PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION

2.20.010. - Creation and establishment of advisory parks and trails commission.

There is hereby created and established the parks and trails commission, hereinafter referred to as "commission" in this chapter, for the town, which shall consist of ~~five to seven~~ members, with the addition of one alternate member to fill in for a regular voting member as needed, who shall be town residents, for a minimum of one year, and shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the town board of trustees.

(Code 1973, § 12.20.020; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 3, 1991)

2.20.020. - Term of office.

The terms of office for the appointed members shall be two-year staggered terms. Recommendation for re-appointment is an option. In the event that a vacancy occurs during the term of any member, his or her successor may be recommended by the commission and shall be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the town board of trustees, for the unexpired portion of the term.

(Code 1973, § 12.20.030; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 4, 1991)

2.20.030. - Compensation.

Members shall serve without compensation.

(Code 1973, § 12.20.040; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 5, 1991; Ord. No. 9-1982, § 6, 1983)

2.20.040. - Duties and responsibilities.

It shall be the responsibility of the commission to solicit citizen input and volunteers to assist in the upkeep of town parks, trails, and trail bridges identified as work groups. The commission shall advise on matters pertaining to the implementation and development of the town park areas, ~~and new parks, trails and open spaces~~ subject to approval of the town board. The commission, when requested by the town board of trustees, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question impacting parks and/or trails. It shall also be the responsibility of the commission to study, investigate, counsel, and develop and/or update a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees, shrubs and weeds; ~~and the care, creation, or preservation of trails, trail bridges in parks, or and Town property. It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to advise on, establish, or assist in special events in or impacting parks and /or trails.~~ Such plan(s) shall be presented to the town board of trustees and, upon their acceptance and approval, shall constitute the official comprehensive Palmer Lake Parks and Trails Plan for the town.

(Code 1973, § 12.20.050; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 6, 1991)

2.20.050. - Operation.

The commission shall meet monthly and follow Colorado Open Meeting rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members of the commission. All members present shall be required to vote in all matters where they do not have a declared conflict of interest.

~~The Commission may~~shall make its own ~~internal~~ rules, agreed upon by a majority of the Commission members. The rules ~~can~~shall not conflict with existing Town Code or resolutions, policy, or laws of any government entity in the United States. It shall be the responsibility of Commission members to participate as a Point of Contact (POC) to assist in specific areas of town parks and trails.

~~Two associate members to the Parks Commission may also be appointed by the town board of trustees. Each associate member must be a resident and a qualified elector of the town. Associate members shall perform all of the duties of a regular member in the absence or disqualification of a regular member from a meeting. Appointed members must inform, if at all possible, the Parks Commission Chairperson 24 hours prior to the regularity scheduled meeting so the he/she can notify the Associate member.~~

(Code 1973, § 12.20.060; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 7, 1991)

2.20.060. - Interference with commission.

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the work of the commission, or its work groups, or any of its agents, while engaging in and about the planting, cultivation, mulching, pruning, maintenance, spraying or removing of any park trees, shrubs, plants and property; creation or maintenance of trails, or trail bridges; adding to, or maintaining playgrounds, tennis/pickle ball courts, or other park facilities, as authorized in this chapter.

(Code 1973, § 12.20.090; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 12, 1991)

2.20.070. - Review by town board of trustees.

The town board of trustees shall have the right to review the conduct, acts and decisions of the commission. Any person may appeal acts and decisions of the commission to the town board of trustees, who shall hear the matter and make a final decision.

(Code 1973, § 12.20.100; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 13, 1991)