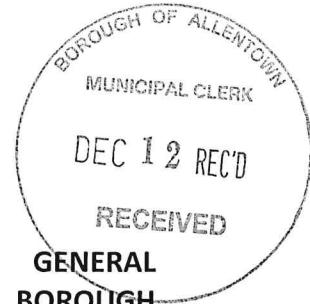


**BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-2019**



**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2: "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE BOROUGH  
CODE WITH NEW SECTION 2-53: "PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allentown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 2: "Administration" of the Borough Code is hereby supplemented with new Section 2-53 "Parks & Public Spaces Advisory Committee" (previously reserved) as follows:

**2-53 PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**2-53.1 Establishment.**

There is hereby established in the Borough of Allentown a Parks & Public Spaces Advisory Committee, having the powers and duties hereinafter enumerated, whose purpose shall be to study and advise the Borough's governing body on issues affecting the development and maintenance of the Borough's parks and public spaces, as well as the acquisition of future parks and public spaces, within and contiguous to the Borough.

**2-53.2 Membership; Qualifications; Appointment; Term of Office.**

- a. The Parks & Public Spaces Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall residents of the Borough.
- b. All members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, which appointments shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of appointment. The terms of the members initially appointed shall be four (4) members to two-year terms and three (3) members to one-year terms so that one-half of the membership of the Committee shall be appointed each year thereafter.
- c. All appointments to fill vacancies shall be promptly filled for the unexpired term in the same way the original appointments were made.

**2-53.3 Officers.**

The Parks & Public Spaces Advisory Committee shall reorganize annually to select from among its membership a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

#### **2-53.4 Powers and Duties.**

The Parks & Public Spaces Advisory Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To make, adopt, and recommend to the governing body a Strategic Plan for the Borough's parklands and other public spaces, which shall guide and provide consistency of design and vision throughout the Borough's parklands and other public spaces for the betterment of residents and visitors.
- b. To work with the Borough's Department of Public Works and other entities to ensure the successful implementation of the Strategic Plan and that all necessary maintenance is performed.
- c. Communicate with relevant committees and commissions, and the community-at-large about the Strategic Plan and any ongoing work.
- d. Act as a single source for information about the Borough's parklands and other public spaces and receiving comments and requests from the community, passing them onto the appropriate Borough official(s) for action, if required.
- e. Apply for grants, as appropriate, to help with implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- f. Maintain a schedule of events and assist event organizers with scheduling as it relates to the Borough's parklands and other public spaces.

#### **2-52.5 Expenditure of Funds.**

The Borough Council may annually appropriate funds for the use of the Parks & Public Spaces Advisory Committee, and such funds may be expended on the authority and approval of the Parks & Public Spaces Advisory Committee, as available and duly authorized by the Borough Council, upon submission of proper vouchers to the Borough CFO.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by Mayor and Council that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portion of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by Mayor and Council that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

