

FRIENDS OF RECREATION BOARD

Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances

Chapter 23, Article II

Sec. 23-15. Created; composition. There is hereby created and established a Friends of Recreation Board. The Board shall consist of eleven members, including the City Manager or his/her designee and the Parks and Recreation Director or his/her designee as voting members ex-officio. At least six members of the Board shall be residents of the City of Kalamazoo.

Sec. 23-16. Definition. As used in this article, the word “board” shall mean the Friends of Recreation Board created by Section 23-15.

Sec. 23-17. Purpose and Intent. The Friends of Recreation Board’s purpose is to seek funds, through donations, gifts, fund-raising events, and bequests for projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

It shall seek funds:

- (1) For special projects to meet the parks and recreational needs of the City of Kalamazoo. All funds received for special projects shall benefit the parks and recreational needs of the community based on the recommendations of the Friends of Recreation Board.
- (2) To be deposited into the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment Fund established by the City of Kalamazoo on December 2, 1996, through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation’s Community Endowment Partnership Program. Funds deposited into this endowment shall be used to fund the entire Parks and Recreation budget. Under special circumstances, when funds available are within the requirements of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation’s rules governing the Kalamazoo Municipal Endowment Fund (which is limited to the income from the endowment), those funds could be made available for a special project within Parks and Recreation (including but not limited to grant match, playground equipment, youth programs, etc.).

Sec. 23-18. Appointment and terms of members; Compensation. Members of the board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Commission for terms of three years, except the initial appointments for three members shall be for one-year terms; three members for two-year terms; and three members for three-year terms. Terms shall begin and end on the date of appointment, except that a member shall continue in office until a successor is appointed and takes office. No member may serve on the board for more than two consecutive full terms. The City Commission shall fill vacancies by appointment for the unexpired term. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in board activities.

Sec. 23-19. Election of Officers. The board shall adopt by-laws to govern the election of its officers.

Sec. 23-20. General powers and duties. The board shall have all powers necessary to carry out its purpose and intent, including all powers and duties available under law and as set forth in its by-laws.

Sec. 23-21. Rules and regulations. The board may adopt other rules and regulations for its own activities.

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