

VALLEY TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 04 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY,
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE
VALLEY TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS
AMENDED, AT CHAPTER 1, "ADMINISTRATION AND
GOVERNMENT," TO ADD NEW PART 11, "PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION," TO CREATE A PARKS
AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR VALLEY
TOWNSHIP; AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS CONTAINED HEREIN.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Valley Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania that the Valley Township Code of Ordinances, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, "Administration and Government," shall be amended by the addition of new Part 11, "Parks and Recreation Commission," to read as follows:

Part 11. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

§ 1-1101. Establishment.

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 2204(a) of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67204(a), the Valley Township Board of Supervisors (the "Board of Supervisors") hereby establishes the Valley Township Parks and Recreation Commission (the "Commission") to supervise, equip, regulate, and maintain recreation programs and facilities funded by Valley Township (the "Township").

§ 1-1102. Mission statement.

The mission of the Commission is as follows: To promote and encourage the use of Township parks and open spaces by Township residents and visitors in a manner that will preserve the Township's natural and historic resources for the enjoyment of future generations, and to develop and provide educational and recreational activities, programs, partnerships, and special events to further enhance the quality of life for Township residents, businesses, and visitors.

§ 1-1103. Membership.

The Commission shall consist of five (5) member who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Members shall be legal residents and/or taxpayers of the Township.

§ 1-1104. Terms of office.

The term of each member shall be five (5) years or until their successors are appointed. Terms shall be staggered so that no more than two (2) members are replaced in any calendar year unless resignations require that open positions be filled mid-term. All persons appointed shall serve their full terms unless they voluntarily resign or are removed by the Board of Supervisors for dereliction or neglect of duty.

§ 1-1105. Alternate members.

The Board of Supervisors may appoint at least one (1) but no more than two (2) residents of the Township to serve as alternate members of the Commission. The term of office of an alternate member shall be five (5) years. An alternate member shall be entitled to participate in all discussions and meetings of the Commission to the same and full extent as provided for by regular Commission members; however, an alternate member may not cast a vote as a voting member unless the alternate member is needed to form a quorum of the Commission.

§ 1-1106. Vacancies.

Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired term and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

§ 1-1107. Quorum.

A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and action taken at any meeting shall require the affirmative vote of that majority.

§ 1-1108. Service without pay

Members of the Commission shall serve without pay but may be reimbursed by the Township for expenses incurred in performing their duties, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

§ 1-1109. Officers.

The Commission shall elect its own chairperson and secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary, to serve for a period of one (1) year.

§ 1-1110. Duties and obligations.

The Commission is dedicated to enhancing the beauty and utility of the Township's parks, providing stewardship of the Township's open space and pedestrian trails, and providing community recreational and educational activities within the park system. To accomplish these goals, the Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the use, expansion, and enhancement of Township recreational assets, recreational programs, and Township-owned open space. The Commission's duties and obligations include, but are not limited to:

- A. Supporting community activities and projects in Township parks;

- B. The Board of Supervisors may appropriate such funds from the general Township funds as may be necessary and available for the work of the Commission in the year for which the appropriation is made.
- C. The Commission may make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for appropriations for use by the Commission, but the Commission shall not in any manner obligate the Township for the payment of any Township funds until the same is appropriated by the Board of Supervisors.
- D. The Commission may make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the Commission to enter into contracts for purposes of carrying out the duties and obligations of the Commission, but the Commission shall not in any manner obligate the Township by entering into any contract unless the same is first approved by the Board of Supervisors.

§ 1-115. Records.

The Commission shall keep records of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations and provide written records of those actions to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of each Commission meeting.

§ 1-1116. Liaison.

The Board of Supervisors may appoint a Supervisor to serve as a Board of Supervisors liaison to the Commission. The Board of Supervisors may appoint a Township employee to serve as a Township liaison to the Commission. A liaison shall be entitled to participate in all discussions and meetings of the Commission to the same and full extent as provided for regular Commission members; however, liaison may not vote.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included therein.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the adoption of this amendment and the repeal of ordinances shall not affect the any right or liability established, accrued, or incurred under any legislative provision of the Township prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability or any cause of action acquired or existing.

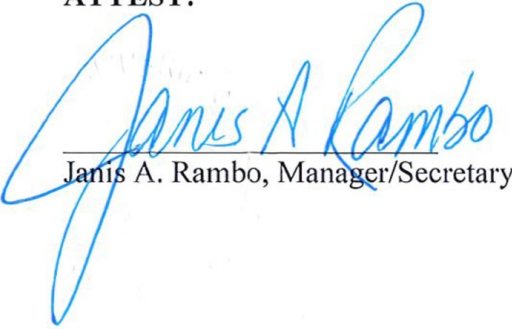
SECTION 4. GENERAL CODE. General Code is hereby authorized to make non-substantive formatting and numbering changes necessary to clarify references to other sections of the Valley

Township ordinances and/or codification, and to bring the Ordinance into conformity with the Valley Township ordinances/codification.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment as provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 7th day of MAY, 2024.

ATTEST:

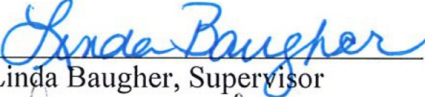

Janis A. Rambo, Manager/Secretary

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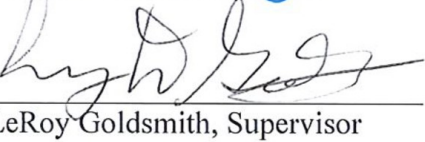
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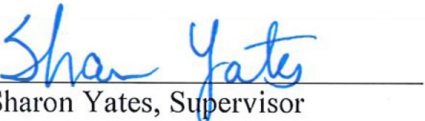
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