

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Luzerne establishing a Recreational Facilities Advisory Board in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County (the "Charter").

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Charter requires that any new board or commission established by County Council shall be by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2012, the Authorities, Boards and Commissions Committee of the Luzerne County Council proposed the creation of the Luzerne County Recreational Facilities Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, County Council wishes to create a Luzerne County Recreational Facilities Advisory Board;

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE HEREBY ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION ONE. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Luzerne County Recreational Facilities Advisory Board.

SECTION TWO. Purpose.

While conforming to the Home Rule Charter and the Administrative Code of Luzerne County, specifically Section 2.10 of the Administrative Code, the purpose of the Luzerne County Recreational Facilities Advisory Board shall be to advise and make recommendations to the County, through the Division of Operational Services and the County Council, on matters involving County recreational facilities, including Moon Lake Park, the Tubs, the Forty Fort Recreational Complex, Theta Land, the Wilkes-Barre Riverfront, and any other parks, trails, or facilities that are under County jurisdictions, and to maintain awareness of past County investments in local recreational projects. The Board meetings will provide a venue for individuals and groups to air concerns about County recreational facilities and to propose regional ideas to link facilities together so the public is aware of the full recreational system offerings.

The Board, with the County Manager's approval, may identify and publicize relevant information about parks, trails and initiatives for public access. The Board also may provide opinions and recommendations to Luzerne County and to municipal governments in terms of grant opportunities and project selection and help discern and recommend project priorities for capital improvements at park or trail facilities.

SECTION THREE. Board Composition.

The Luzerne County Recreational Facilities Advisory Board shall be comprised of five (5) citizen members that are current residents of Luzerne County to be appointed by the County Council. The term of office of each member shall be four (4) years, with staggered appointments. The initial appointments of members, to create the staggered appointments, will be a one (1) year term for one (1) member, a two (2) year term for one (1) member, a three (3) year term for two (2) members, and a four (4) year term for (1) member. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of office.

The Members of the Advisory Board will be seated in accordance with the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter and the Administrative Code.

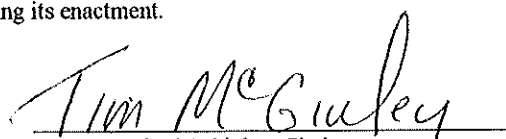
SECTION FOUR. Board Meetings.

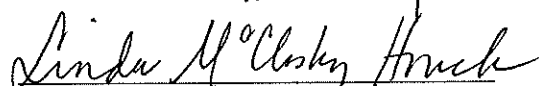
Meetings of the Luzerne County Recreational Facilities Advisory Board shall be held on a quarterly basis, at a minimum. At least one Advisory Board meeting will be held after 6 PM each year. All Board meetings shall be advertised prior to and minutes of the meeting shall be kept and sent to the Office of the Clerk of Council for posting to the County webpage, after the minutes have been approved by the Board.

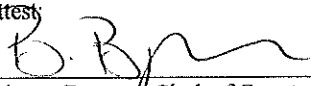
SECTION FIVE. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the fifteenth (15th) day following its enactment.

Enacted by County Council, this 13th day of November, 2012


Tim McGinley, Chair


Linda McClosky Houck, Vice-Chair

Attest

Brittany Burgess, Clerk of County Council