ORDINANCE NO. 1309

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to parks and recreational facilities, creating an Advisory Board of Park Commissioners, defining their powers and duties, requiring a budget and repealing Ordinances No. 1.6.04 through 1.6.16 of the Kent City Code (0.258 sl through s5 -- 1911) and all other Ordinances in conflict therewith.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following Ordinances of the City of Kent:

"1.6.04 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CREATED. Upon the taking effect of this Ordinance and thereafter on the second Monday in January of each year the Mayor shall appoint a Board of Park Commissioners consisting of three citizens of the City who shall serve during the pleasure of the Mayor and without compensation. 0.258 sl -- 1911)"

"1.6.08 DUTIES OF PARK BOARD. Such Board shall have charge and control of the parks and parkways of the City and shall have power to lay out, survey, plat, improve and beautify the same and make any and all rules and regulations for the government and management of such parks and parkways and the use and occupation thereof by the public and by any and all persons whomssoever. It shall have power to negotiate with the owners of any lands that it may deem desirable for park purposes, looking to the purchase of the same by the City and to recommend to the City Council the purchase of suitable lands for park purposes.

"It shall also have the power to receive and accept donations of land, property or funds from any source for the purpose of providing, establishing and maintaining parks and parkways for the City, but shall place all funds received or realized from lands and property donated, or from any other source, in the Treasury of the City to the credit of the Park Fund, which shall be disbursed only upon warrants properly drawn against the said Fund, which disbursements shall be authorized by the City Council upon the recommendation of the said Board of Park Commissioners. (0.258 s2 -- 1911)."

"1.6.12 CARE OF PARKS. The said Park Board shall have the power of employing such workmen and landscape gardeners and engineers as shall be necessary in caring for, developing and maintaining parks and parkways consistent with the funds which shall be available for the payment for such services. (0.258 s4 -- 1911)"
"1.6.16 SECRETARY OF PARK BOARD. The City Clerk shall be the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners and all records of the said Board shall be kept in his office. (0.258 s5 -- 1911)"

are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 2. Definition. Words used shall have the following meaning: "Park" means an area of land with or without water, developed and used for public recreational purposes, including landscape tracts, picnic grounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, vehicle drives, wild-life sanctuaries, museums, zoological and botanical gardens, facilities for bathing, boating, hunting and fishing, as well as other recreational facilities for the use and benefit of the public. "Board" means Board of Park Commissioners.

Section 3. Creation of Board of Park Commissioners and Eligibility. There is hereby created a Board of Park Commissioners consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, from citizens of recognized fitness for such position. No Commissioner shall receive any compensation for his service.

Section 4. Terms of Commissioners: Filling Vacancies. The first Commissioners appointed shall determine by lot whose term shall expire in one, two and three years, respectively, and their terms shall begin after their appointment has been approved by the City Council, and upon taking the usual oath of qualification. The terms of office, except the first, shall begin on the first Monday of June, and at the expiration of each Commissioner's Term, the Mayor shall appoint, with the consent of the City Council, one member for a three year term. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor, and vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner in which original appointments were made.
Section 5. Officers of Board; Meetings; Quorum.
Immediately after their appointment, members of the Board shall meet and organize by electing from the members of the Board a President, a Secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, and of the Secretary to keep minutes of all meetings and of all proceedings of the Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business and two affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any proposition. A meeting of the Board shall be held at least once each month.

Section 6. Powers and Duties of Board. The Board shall advise the Mayor, the City Council and Department, if any, or officials administering parks, regarding the general supervision and control of all parks and recreational facilities and programs of the City. The Board shall have the power to advise regarding the establishment of a park and/or recreation department hereinafter called "the department" and regarding the employment of necessary personnel and to advise regarding the conduct of any form of recreation or cultural activity that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner, and shall advise regarding control and supervision of all parks belonging to the City, and advise regarding planning, promotion, management and acquisition, construction, development, maintenance and operation, including restrictions on and compensation to be paid for concessions or privileges in parks and/or playgrounds, either within or without the city limits, of park squares, parkways and boulevards, play and recreation grounds, and/or other municipally owned recreational facilities, including community buildings and improvement and ornamentation of the same; make recommendations regarding entering into written contracts with
United States, the State of Washington, any town, city or town park
District, school District, or any other public organizations for
the purpose of conducting a recreational program or exercising any
other power granted by this Ordinance.

The Board shall submit to the City Council each year,
on or before the second Monday in August, an estimate of the
amount of money required by the Department to carry on its activi-
ties for the ensuing year, together with recommendations for the
development of the program and facilities as it may deem advisable
for the information and guidance of the City Council in preparing
the budget for the tax levy for the operation and maintenance of
the city parks and the recreational program and necessary facil-
ities and the acquisition of lands, structures or facilities
needed therefor. The Board shall have power to recommend rules
and regulations for the government, management, supervision and
control of the city parks and recreational facilities and programs.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and
effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as
provided by law.

ALEX THORNTON, MAYOR

Attest:

CHARLES BRIDGES, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

JOHN B. BEREITER, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the 2 day of Aug., 1965.
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