

**CITY OF SHARON
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHARON, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING THE SHARON RECREATION COMMISSION; SETTING FORTH ITS PURPOSE; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS; SETTING TERMS OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES; SETTING FORTH POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD; REQUIRING COOPERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH; MAKING PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE SEVERABLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE .

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHARON, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE CITY OF SHARON HEREBY ORDAINS AND ENACTS BY AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. CREATION AND PURPOSE – The City of Sharon hereby creates a Recreation Commission to develop, evaluate and assist in recreational planning and development in the City of Sharon to review recreational development projects and other projects having significant community impact, and to advise the Sharon City Council regarding said development and projects.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS – The Recreation Commission shall consist of not less than (7) seven members to be appointed by the Sharon City Council. All members must be an elector of the City. The Recreation Commission shall appoint from its membership, a chairman, vice chairman and such other officers and committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 3. TENURE AND VACANCY – The initial members of the Commission shall be appointed to staggered terms: three (3) members shall be appointed to serve three (3) year terms, two (2) members appointed serve two year terms and two (2) members appointed serve a one year term. Thereafter Members shall be appointed to serve such terms as will provide, as nearly as possible, for the even and uniform expiration of terms over any three year period. Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled by the Sharon City Council for the remainder of any unfulfilled term.

Section 4. POWERS AND DUTIES – The Recreation Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Sharon City Council and shall, in general, review, evaluate and, when appropriate, make recommendations regarding recreation development and administrative issues and those specific projects and developments that have a significant impact on recreational development and the

quality of life in Sharon. The Recreation Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. It shall review, evaluate and make recommendations to the Sharon City Council on applications for development of recreational programs to be administered by the City.
2. It shall review, evaluate and make recommendations to the Sharon City Council on an annual recreation budget, including specific programs and projects detailed in the budget.
3. It shall review and make recommendations to the Sharon City Council regarding City applications for state and federal grants and loans for community recreation programs and projects.
4. It shall provide on-going monitoring of existing programs undertaken by the City.
5. It shall make recommendations to the Sharon City Council regarding site development, land acquisition and land disposition necessary for the delivery of recreational programs and projects.

Section 5. ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION – The Sharon City Council may appoint a member of the Sharon City Council to serve as a representative of the Sharon City Council in an ad hoc capacity. This member shall participate in discussions and make recommendations but will not vote on any matter to come before the Recreation Commission. The City Manager and his or her staff shall provide the members of the Recreation Commission with the necessary administrative support and information to perform their duties.

Section 6. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and, if any of the provisions hereof shall be held unconstitutional, void or otherwise unenforceable, such shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of said Ordinance.

Section 7. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after final passage. Adopted this _____ day of May, 2015.

City Clerk

President of Council