

ORDINANCE NO. 2006 - 7
HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE TO CONFIRM AND REESTABLISH THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; REMOVAL OF MEMBERS; ORGANIZATION; POWERS AND DUTIES; AND REPEALING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 23, 1989

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section One – Establishment

- 1.1 It is hereby confirmed that the Hilltown Township Park and Recreation Board shall be re-established and be known as the “Hilltown Township Park and Recreation Board” (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”); and the Board shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall reside in Hilltown Township and shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township.
- 1.2 The members shall each serve for a term of five (5) years or until their successor are appointed, except that the terms of the members first appointed shall be staggered so as one (1) vacancy shall occur on December 31, in each of the next three (3) successive years and two (2) vacancies shall occur on December 31st in each of the fourth and fifth year successive of such appointment.
- 1.3 Members of the Board shall serve without pay. All persons appointed shall serve their full terms unless they voluntarily resign, become unable to serve, or are removed by the Supervisors for dereliction or neglect of duty. Vacancies on the Board occurring other than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired term and shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.
- 1.4 A member of the Park and Recreation Board must attend all meetings. The absence of a member for twenty (20%) percent of all meetings shall be deemed nonfeasance in office and such member shall be considered inactive and just cause for removal by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors taken after the member has received fifteen (15) days advance notice of the intent to take such a vote. Said removal shall be in compliance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

Section Two - Organization

- 2.1 The members of the Board shall elect their own Chairman and Secretary, and shall select all other necessary officers to serve for a period of one (1) year from the first day of January of each year.
- 2.2 The Board shall meet as often as shall be required to perform its duties and shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of all business which comes before them. An annual Meeting shall be scheduled in January of each year for the purpose of reorganization.
- 2.3 Voting Conflict and Voting Abstention: All members in order to discharge his or her official duties shall be required to vote on all matters brought before the Board unless such vote would result in a conflict of interest. In such a case, said member shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a written statement filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting at which the vote is taken, provided that whenever the Board would be unable to take any action on a matter before it because the number of members of the Board required to abstain from voting under this Section makes the majority or other legally required vote of approval unattainable, then such member shall be required to vote if disclosures are made as otherwise provided.

Section Three - Powers and Duties

- 3.1 The Board shall assist the Township Supervisors in planning, regulating and maintaining parks, recreation facilities and programs. The Board shall further recommend to the Board of Supervisors such plans and provisions as it deems necessary to acquire, preserve, continue and expand any such parks or recreation facilities, indicating the cost of such recommendations.
- 3.2 The Board shall have the full assistance, advice and cooperation of the Township staff and of all other boards, commissions and agencies of the Township.

Section Four - Enforcement of Rules and Regulations

- 4.1 The rules and regulations that are adopted by the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors shall be posted in the Park or Recreation grounds and violations of same shall be punishable in summary proceedings before the District Justice. The penalty for the violation thereof shall be the cost of prosecution and a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. Each and every violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section Five - Repealer

5.1 This Ordinance does hereby amend Ordinance No. 89-9 and does hereby supersede all provisions which are inconsistent, with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section Six - Effective Date

6.1 This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township.

SO ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance this 23rd day of October, A. D., 2006.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


