

ORDINANCE 2016-47

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE STREATOR MUNICIPAL CODE BY
CREATING A PARKS AND OPEN SPACES BOARD

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Streator Municipal Code provides duties and responsibilities for various officials, boards and departments charged with administration of the City of Streator's operations.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Streator has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to create a Parks and Open Spaces Board to pursue the goals envisioned by the City Council's strategic plan and to assist the City Council plan and maintain the city's parks, open spaces and recreational facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Streator, Counties of LaSalle and Livingston, State of Illinois as follows.

Section 1: RECITALS. The City Council hereby finds the recitals contained in the preambles are true and correct and incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2: CREATION OF A PARKS AND OPEN SPACES BOARD. Title 2 of the City of Streator Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 2.26 as follows:

Chapter 2.26

PARK AND OPEN SPACES BOARD

Sections:

- 2.26.010 Establishment and board members**
- 2.26.020 Appointments, terms and compensation**
- 2.26.030 Officers**
- 2.26.040 Powers and duties**
- 2.26.050 Rules**
- 2.26.060 Meetings**

2.26.010 Establishment and board members.

There is hereby established for the city a Parks and Open Spaces Board (the "Park Board") consisting of seven members.

2.26.020 Appointments, terms and compensation.

Members of the Park Board shall be appointed the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The initial board members shall be appointed as follows: three members shall be appointed to serve a term ending on December 31, 2019; two members shall be appointed to serve a term ending on December 31, 2020 and two members shall be appointed to serve a term ending on December 31, 2021 in order to create staggered terms for the various board members. All appointments thereafter shall be for a term of five (5) years beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30 or until a successor has been appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the City Council. All board members shall serve without compensation.

2.26.030 Officers.

Annually, in January, after the sitting of new or re-appointed board members, the members of the Park Board shall elect from the board's membership a chairperson and vice-chairperson, and other officers the Park Board shall determine necessary for the discharge of its duties.

2.26.040 Powers and duties.

The Park Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. Determine community needs and devise plans for the provision of adequate areas, facilities and open spaces to meet the recreational and leisure needs of the city's residents.
- B. Recommend to the City Council the use of general municipal powers, such as the passage of tax levies, issuance of bonds and warrants, sale and conveyance of real estate, exercise of the power of eminent domain, entrance into contracts, approval of park development plans and park use rules, authorization of referenda and other actions as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to maintain and improve the city's parks, open space lands and recreational facilities.
- C. Recommend to the City Council projects for inclusion in the annual budget for city parks, open space lands and recreational facility maintenance and improvement.
- D. When appropriate, encourage civic clubs and other private sources to contribute manpower, financial aid and various fund-raising activities in support of the city's parks, open spaces and recreational facilities.
- E. Submit or receive other reports and records at such time and in such form and manner as may be requested by the Mayor and City Council, or as the Park Board may deem appropriate.
- F. Review and approve, prior to submission to the City Council, plans and improvement proposals for all city-owned parks, trails, nature areas, green spaces, open lands and recreational facilities.
- G. Perform such other duties, responsibilities and powers that may be delegated by the City Council.

2.26.050 Rules.

The Park Board may adopt its own rules of procedure governing it and regulating its business as it, from time to time, deems proper and necessary.

2.26.060 Meetings.

A. Regular and Special Meetings. Regular meetings of the Park Board shall be held at the call of the Chairperson or as may otherwise be provided by rules of procedure established by the Park Board. Special meetings may be called at the request of the City Manager, the Mayor, the Chairperson or any two (2) members of the Park Board upon two (2) days' written notice to each board member. If all members are present at any special meeting it shall be deemed to have been properly called even when written notice was not timely given to all members. The preferred location for Park Board meetings is City Hall.

B. Quorum. No business shall be transacted by the Park Board without a quorum, consisting of four (4) members, being present.

Section 3: SEVERABILITY. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separable and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

Section 4: PROVISIONS IN EFFECT. Except as to the amendments provided by this Ordinance, all articles, chapters and sections of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Streator, Counties of LaSalle and Livingston, Illinois, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.


Passed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Streator, LaSalle and Livingston Counties, Illinois at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of **December 2016** and approved by me as Mayor on the same day.

APPROVED:



Jimmie D. Lansford, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Underwood, City Clerk

RECORD OF THE VOTE	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Jimmie D. Lansford	√			
Councilwoman Bedei	√			
Councilman Ed Brozak	√			
Councilman Brian Crouch	√			
Councilman William Phelan	√			