

## Chapter 37. Recreation and Parks

[HISTORY: Adopted by the County Council of Dorchester County 11-7-2017 by Bill No. 2017-8.<sup>[1]</sup>  
Amendments noted where applicable.]

[1] *Editor's Note: This bill also repealed former Ch. 37, Recreation and Parks, adopted by Ch. 499, Secs. 327A through 327H, of the Laws of 1963, as amended.*

### § 37-1. Board of Recreation and Parks established.

The Board of Recreation and Parks for Dorchester County, Maryland (the "Board") is hereby established with the functions specified in this chapter.

### § 37-2. Membership; organization; rules of procedure.

- A. Composition; terms; vacancies; compensation. The Board shall consist of 10 members appointed by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland (the "County Council"), all of whom shall have been legal residents of Dorchester County, Maryland, for a period of three years next preceding their appointment, and one of whom shall be the Superintendent of County Schools or his designated representative. All members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years from the first day of January of the year of their appointment or until their successors are appointed. The current members of the Board shall compose the Board for the first term of four years. Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the unexpired term. Members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the County Council and may be removed from the Board by the County Council at any time, with or without cause. All members of the Board shall serve without compensation, except for necessary expenses, as approved by the County Council.
- B. Officers; meetings. The Board shall annually select from among its membership a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Treasurer. Its Secretary may or may not be a member of the Board. The Board is hereby empowered to adopt all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and shall hold such meetings, both regular and special, as may from time to time be deemed necessary. The Board shall hold at least four meetings yearly. The Board's regular place of business shall be Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland, but both regular and special meetings of the Board may be held elsewhere in the discretion of the Board.

### § 37-3. Appointment of Director; term; qualifications.

The County Council may appoint a Director of Recreation and Parks. The Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Board, but not a member of the Board. With the advice of the Board, and the approval of the County Council, the Director shall be charged with the general organization, administration and supervision of the programs of public recreation. The Director shall serve at the pleasure of the County Council. The Director shall have such training, experience and capacity as will especially qualify the Director to discharge the duties of the office and those qualifications of education, training and experience which will assure a thorough knowledge of current theory and practice in public recreation.

## § 37-4. Functions and duties of Board.

The function of the Board shall be to advise the County Council as to general policy relating to public recreation and parks in or for Dorchester County, Maryland, including a comprehensive program of public recreation in schools, parks or other lands or buildings, either publicly or privately owned, or other acceptable recreational facilities made available to the County Council.