

Chapter 913 - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

913.01 - Community shelters.

The maintenance, operation and the control of all the community shelters are transferred to the recreation and parks commission.

(Ord. 114-73.)

913.02 - Miscellaneous contracts.

- (A) The director of recreation and parks is authorized, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, to enter into the following contracts on behalf of the city of Columbus: lease of equipment, facilities and property, under control and supervision of the recreation and parks department, to the public for recreation and park purposes; lease of space, fixtures and equipment under the control and supervision of the recreation and parks department to concessionaires for the purpose of operating concessions; contract for various services to be performed on recreation and park facilities and property whereby the city of Columbus incurs no financial obligation, contract with seasonal athletic officials, athletic scorers, and attendants in conjunction with the operation of recreation and parks programs and facilities.
- (B) In order to carry out the purpose of Section 913.02, the recreation and parks commission and the director of recreation and parks shall be governed by the guidelines as set forth below:
1. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, will have the authority to sign various agreements which deal with the day-to-day operations of the department of recreation and parks. Such agreements shall include:
 - a. Rental of boat docks and boat stakes in accordance with Sections 921.01-7 (Application for city-owned docks, stakes, and moorings) and ~~921.01-8 (Permitting of private docks, stakes, and moorings)~~ of the Columbus City Codes and in accordance with fees and charges established by the recreation and parks commission.
 - b. Rental of recreation facilities on an hourly, daily or seasonal basis in accordance with the board of education (where applicable) and in accordance with fees and charges established by the recreation and parks commission.
 - c. Agreements for the operation of vending machines, telephones, and other utilities within recreation and park facilities where fees and charges will be reimbursed to the recreation and parks department through a fees and charges schedule as approved by the recreation and parks commission.
 - d. Special permits for the use of parklands, showmobile, shelterhouses, swimming pools, or similar recreation and park facilities or properties where a fee is required (as established by the recreation and parks commission) or a deposit is required to insure proper utilization of facilities.
 - e. Rental of city-owned golf carts on a daily basis or as established by contractual agreement with a golf cart leasing company with fees and charges established by the recreation and parks commission.
 - f. Permits allowing for the rental of non-motorized boats including canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, paddle boats and similar watercraft, establishment of arts and crafts class fees, establishment of fees for tennis lessons, league fees for sports programs, and related programs as established by fees and charges from the recreation and parks commission, contractual agreements, or cost of program materials.
 - g. Rental of city-owned residences in accordance with rental rates established by appraised values and approved as a part of the city's master salary ordinance.
 2. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, will have the authority to execute various license agreements, not to exceed two (2) years in length, with individuals, groups, clubs or organizations for the utilization of recreation and parks facilities and/or property which does not involve the expenditure of city of Columbus funds. Such license agreements shall include:
 - a. License agreements for the use of recreation and park properties for activities commensurate with the development of recreation and park opportunities within Central Ohio such as:

- (1) Lease of space for model airplane use;
 - (2) Lease of White Sulphur Quarry as a ski area;
 - (3) Lease of properties to boat clubs.
- b. Lease of undeveloped properties until such land is required for future development.
3. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, will have the authority to execute various concession agreements in conjunction with the day-to-day operation of various recreation and parks facilities and programs. In each case, the department of recreation and parks will advertise and seek competitive bids for the operation and privilege of these concessions however, if no bids are received, the director of recreation and parks, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission, has the option to negotiate an appropriate agreement for the privilege of operating a concession for a period not to exceed two (2) years. Such agreements shall include:
 - a. Gas and oil concessions, bait store concessions, and similar concessions relating to the operation and utilization of the reservoir areas.
 - b. Concession privileges for the sale of food, drinks, etc. at various recreation and parks facilities as a part of the day-to-day operation.
 - c. Specialized concession agreements that relate to the day-to-day operation of a recreation and park facility.
 - d. The length of term and procedures for execution of concession agreements shall be as follows:
 - (1) The contract term shall not exceed two (2) years.
 - (2) Concession agreements in excess of two (2) years shall be submitted to city council as standard legislation after appropriate approval from the recreation and parks commission.
 - (3) All agreements shall be approved as to form by the city attorney.
4. The recreation and parks director, with the approval of the recreation and parks commission will have the authority to establish a schedule of special rates for contracting with seasonal athletic officials, athletic scorers, and attendants in conjunction with the operation of recreation and parks programs and facilities, and to contract with such officials, scorers, and attendants for such purpose.
 - a. All such contracts shall be in accordance with the schedule of special rates established, and
 - b. Such contracts may be informal on a per-game, per-match, or per-hour-of-game-or-match basis and need not be individually executed in writing.
5. The fee policy or fee schedule for all recreation and parks facilities and programs will be established by the recreation and parks commission.

(Ord. 2949-79; Ord. 1132-2008 Attach. (part); Ord. No. [3160-2015](#), § 1, 10-24-2016; Ord. No. [0520-2019](#), § 1, 3-25-2019)

913.03 - Discrimination prohibited.

- (A) No person, partnership, organization, club, committee, association, or corporation using any city-owned recreation and parks property or facilities, by lease, permit, contract, agreement or other means shall discriminate in employment, membership, activity participation or guest privileges on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sex and shall agree not to so discriminate as a condition of the lease, permit, contract or agreement granting them the right to use such facilities.
- (B) Any person, partnership, organization, club, committee, association or corporation violating Section 913.03(A) shall immediately forfeit the right to use such property or facilities.

(Ord. 1723-78.)