

Chapter 15

PARKS AND RECREATION*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 15-1–15-16. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. PARK COMMISSIONERS

Sec. 15-17. Generally.

The park commissioners of the city shall possess the powers as defined in General Laws, Chapter 45, sections 1 to 5 and 14.
(Code 1965, § 15-1)

Sec. 15-18. Powers and duties generally.

It shall be the duty of the park commissioners, in addition to the duties conferred upon them by the General Laws, to manage, direct, equip and care for playgrounds placed under their supervision and control by the city council, including any buildings that may be erected thereon, and in and upon the same to promote and carry on recreational activities. The park commissioners shall have charge of the care, maintenance and laying out of the city's schoolyards and schoolgrounds only as provided in section 15-19. No layout of a schoolyard or schoolground shall be

*Related laws reference—Public golf courses in D.W. Field Parks, § 426 et seq.

Cross references—Library, Ch. 10; gift of Benjamine F. Battles Park, App. A, § 1; athletic field obtained from George E. Keith, App. A, § 10; Puffer playground, App. A, § 18; Eva M.S. Wright playground, App. A, § 25.

State law reference—Public parks, G.L. c. 45.

made by the park commissioners until the plan and design of the same has received the written approval of the school committee. (Code 1965, § 15-3)

Sec. 15-19. Control and use of schoolyards and schoolgrounds.

Control of the use of schoolyards and schoolgrounds shall be entirely within the jurisdiction of the school committee who shall determine the persons entitled to use the grounds and how the same shall be used. The school committee may, however, during vacation periods of the school, turn over the control of the use of designated schoolyards and schoolgrounds to the park commission, and it may turn over the control of the use of any designated portion of such ground during the school year to the park commission. The release of jurisdiction provided for in this section shall only be accomplished if and when the park commission in writing applies for, and the school committee in writing authorizes the same. In the event of the turning over of jurisdiction, the adjoining school buildings and the equipment of the school department shall only be used under such regulations as to use as the school committee makes.

(Code 1965, § 15-4)

Sec. 15-20. Playgrounds under jurisdiction of commission.

The following playgrounds shall be under the jurisdiction of the park commission:

- (1) Harold D. Bent Playground, Ash Street.
- (2) Daniel J. Buckley Playground, Clinton Street.
- (3) Roy W. Burns Playground, Electric Avenue.
- (4) James Edgar Playground, Winthrop Street.
- (5) Hancock Playground, Pearl and Pleasant Streets.
- (6) McKinley Playground, Winter Street and Hovendon Avenue.
- (7) Mulberry Playground, Mulberry Street.
- (8) Lyndon C. Nelson Playground, Warren Avenue and Clifton Avenue.
- (9) John L. O'Donnell Playground, Centre Street.

- (10) Leslie B. Parmenter Playground, near B. B. Russell School.
 - (11) Loring W. Puffer Playground, off Riverview Street.
 - (12) Watslow Tukis Playground, Webster Street off Ames Street.
 - (13) Gilbert M. Walker Playground, back of Montello Fire Station off May Avenue.
 - (14) The East Side Swimming Pool on Crescent Street.
 - (15) The Montello Swimming Pool on North Montello Street.
 - (16) The Campello Swimming Pool on Meadow Lane.
- (Code 1965, § 15-5)

Sec. 15-21. Jurisdiction over Perkins Park.

The lot of land situated on North Main Street, and known as "Perkins Park", shall be under the jurisdiction of the park commissioners.

(Code 1965, § 15-2)

Sec. 15-22. Employees.

The park commission may employ and remove a superintendent for the department and may employ a deputy superintendent for activities to act under its direction and control, their salary to be fixed by the commission, subject to the approval of the mayor and city council, the same to be paid out of its annual appropriation. It may employ and remove such other assistants, both full- and part-time, as may be necessary for the efficient administration of its duties, subject to the approval of the mayor and the city council, all of whom shall be compensated out of its annual appropriation. The superintendent of parks shall serve as the executive officer of the park commission.

(Code 1965, § 15-6)

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