

izing said Park Commission to acquire in the name of the Mayor and Council tracts or parcels of land in Hagerstown for park purposes and providing for the payment thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, shall immediately after the passage of this Act appoint five persons residents of Hagerstown, who shall constitute and be known as the Park Commission of Hagerstown, three of whom shall hold office for the first two years and two shall hold office for the first three years and thereafter the term shall be three years; they shall qualify as other officials and shall elect one of its members as Chairman of said Park Commission who shall preside at all meetings, and one of its members as Secretary who shall keep an accurate minute book of all their proceedings; they shall meet at least once a month or as often as may be necessary and shall serve without pay or compensation whatsoever.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Park Commission thus created be and it is hereby authorized and empowered in the name of the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, to acquire by gift, grant, purchase or by condemnation proceedings any piece, parcel or tract of land in Hagerstown adjacent to the present City Park or at any other place within the said corporate limits of Hagerstown for park purposes without having to submit the purchase thereof to the qualified voters of said city, for a sum of money not to exceed five thousand dollars, and if by condemnation the proceedings shall be that provided for in Article 33A, Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly, passed at its January Session, 1914, but the said Mayor and Council shall not be compelled to accept any award under said condemnation proceeding unless it does so by resolution passed at a regular session thereof. And when said land is so acquired the title thereto shall become vested in the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown in fee simple. And the said Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to levy a sum of money upon the assessable property of Hagerstown sufficient to pay for said land for park purposes, at the time of the making of the annual levy for taxes by the said Mayor and Council and to be included therein.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said Park Commission be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to make such rules and regulation from time to time for the conduct, govern-