

When the Park Commissioner is elected as provided in Chapter 1008 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1943, he shall be further designated as Vice-Chairman and Park Commissioner and shall act as chairman in the absence of the Chairman. The Vice-Chairman and Park Commissioner shall have full administrative and executive control over the parks and recreational system and in the matter of appointments connected therewith under the Commission's jurisdiction in Montgomery County. Subject to the approval of the Commission, he shall execute contracts as provided in this section. He shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the park system, and for the initiation, establishment, operation, development and extension of the comprehensive public recreational program hereinafter authorized.

The Commission is authorized to establish a merit system or civil service for the technical staff and other employees of the Commission, and to promulgate rules and regulations for its administration. The Commission is authorized to include in such permanent civil service and merit system such members of the technical staff and other employees of the Commission as the Commission may in its discretion decide, except that the members of the Commission, the General Counsel and the Secretary-Treasurer shall not be included in such permanent civil services or merit system. When such civil service and merit system is so established by resolution of the Commission, it can only be repealed and discontinued by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland. Any changes or amendments proposed for such permanent civil service or merit system by the Commission, once such permanent civil service and merit system has been so established, shall be approved by the State Commissioner of Personnel of the State of Maryland before such changes or amendments shall become effective.

On the recommendation of the Vice-Chairman and Park Commissioner, the *The* Commission may appoint such park police officers as may be necessary to protect the park system [and the public recreational program herein authorized.]. The said park police shall have concurrent general police jurisdiction with the *Montgomery and Prince George's* County Police within the parks and other areas and within buildings [.] under the Commission's jurisdiction [or in which any part of the said public recreational program is in effect]. The said park police shall possess all the powers and authority vested by existing law in the *Montgomery and Prince George's* County Police; but they shall be responsible to and under the supervision of the [Vice-Chairman and Park Commissioner] *Director of Parks* and shall exercise supervisory jurisdiction over the park system [the conduct of the public recreational program and the administration of the Regulations of the Commission]. The *Montgomery and Prince George's* County Police shall have the same general police jurisdiction and responsibility for the apprehension of criminals and detection of crime within the parks and other areas and buildings under the Commission's jurisdiction which they have elsewhere in [Montgomery County] *their respective counties*. [and Section 780 sub-title "Police" of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland is hereby repealed to the extent to which it may be inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this section.

On the recommendation of the Vice-Chairman and Park Commissioner, the Commission shall have the power to lease for a term not