

shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the unexpired term. In the appointment of Board members the County Commissioners shall give due regard to population and geography. All members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

(c) The Board shall annually select a chairman and a vice-chairman from its membership; and it shall also select a secretary and a treasurer, who may or may not be members thereof. The Board may require the treasurer to give bond in such amount as it may determine, and it is further authorized to adopt all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and for the protection of properties under its control. The Board shall hold such regular and special meetings it may deem necessary. The Board is authorized to determine all questions of general policy relating to parks and public recreation in the county and to supervise the expenditure of funds. It shall have the power to appoint advisory committees or panels to assist in the exercise of its powers and functions.

(d) The Board, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may accept real and personal property of all kinds suitable for recreational purposes and public parks. The County Commissioners may appropriate in the annual county budget such sums as may be necessary to purchase land, construct improvements, and defray expenses for the maintenance of recreation and park areas under the control of the Board and for the support of recreation and park programs. The acquisition of property, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may be by purchase, condemnation, grant, bequest, devise, or lease of the fee or any lesser interest, development, rights, assignment, covenant or other contractual right necessary for recreation and park programs. The Board, with the approval of the County Commissioners, shall have the power to sell or in any manner dispose of said recreation or park properties.

(e) The Board, subject to budgetary policies and appropriations of the County Commissioners, is authorized to initiate, adopt, direct, or cause to be conducted or directed, a comprehensive program of public recreation in schools, parks or other lands or buildings, either publicly or privately owned. It is further authorized to develop, equip, operate, maintain, and issue permits for the use of any facilities made available to the Board.

(f) The control of any land, buildings or other acceptable facilities shall be in accord with agreements reached between the Board and the person, corporation or agency having jurisdiction over such properties. No power or authority conferred by this section shall be construed to abridge or limit the power of the County Commissioners, the Board of Education, or of any governmental agency, or of any person or corporation, to refuse to permit or limit the use of any ground, building or facility under their control, ownership or jurisdiction.

(g) The Board may, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, employ such personnel as it may consider necessary to administer its functions properly. If it employs a Director of Recreation and Parks, he shall be a person with training, experience, and capacity to initiate and maintain a program of public recreation under his general supervision; and he shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The salaries of all personnel shall be fixed by the Board, subject to the approval of the Commissioners.