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(a) *The County Commissioners of Cecil County shall MAY establish a Board of Parks and Recreation, with powers and duties as hereinafter specified.*

(b) *The Board shall consist of three members, appointed by the County Commissioners, of whom each commissioner shall appoint one. All members of the Board shall be appointed for four years from the first day of January of the year of their appointments or until their successors are appointed. Vacancies, except those at the expiration of a term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the unexpired term. All members of the Board shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed for necessary and proper expenses incurred while performing their duties thereon.*

(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 as it may deem necessary. The Board is authorized to determine all questions of general policy relating to parks and public recreation in Cecil County, to supervise the expenditure of funds appropriated to these purposes, and to keep the Commissioners informed as to the availability of Federal and State funds for these purposes. It may 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 public parks, open space programs, and recreational purposes, legal title to which shall always be in the Board of County Commissioners. The County Commissioners may appropriate in the annual budget of the County such sums as may be necessary to purchase land, construct improvements, and defray expenses for the maintenance of park and recreation areas under the control of the Board and for the support of the park and recreational 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 lessor interest, development right, assignment, covenant or other contractual right necessary for park and recreation programs. The County Commissioners have the power to sell or in any manner dispose of these parks and recreational properties.*

(e) *The Board, subject to budgetary policies and appropriations of the County Commissioners, may 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 further may develop, equip, operate, maintain, issue permits for the use of any facilities made available to the Board, and make charges where appropriate.*

(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*