

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Purpose of the Committee:

The Parks and Recreation Committee serves as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on issues pertaining to parks and recreation. The Committee has no official authority to establish, create, pass or enforce any of the park rules or activities without express consent of the BoCC.

The Recreation Committee assumes a major role in developing a sense of community and enhancing the resident's quality of life by providing recreational and social programs to preschool age children, youth, teen, adult, family, and senior populations and by organizing and hosting special events.

Functions of the Committee:

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- (1) Members will work with the Recreation Director, to help coordinate/plan community events and voluntary community projects in Hardee County.
- (2) Review current parks and recreation programs and facilities in the County to determine additional needs, and submit recommendations pertaining to parks and recreation guidelines, policies, facilities, or user fees to the BoCC.
- (3) Provide and gather input and ideas on parks and recreation related long-range plans and goals.
- (4) Serve in an advisory capacity to the BoCC for the location, construction, maintenance and funding of parks and recreation facilities.
- (5) Review all parks and recreation related matters submitted by the BoCC.
- (6) Make recommendations to the BoCC on operating and capital budget needs as well as fees and charges for County owned recreation facilities and monitor the parks and recreation budget throughout the year.
- (7) Promote maximum utilization of parks, recreation facilities and programs.
- (8) Enhance the quality of life to all County residents through the implantation of a wide variety of parks and recreation programs and services.

Eligibility for appointment:

All members of the Parks and Recreation Committee must be residents of Hardee County.

All applicants are expected to have an interest in developing and maintain County parks and recreational facilities and working with the BoCC, other members of the Committee and the general public to plan for future improvement in parks, recreational facilities, programs, and a wide variety of related projects for the enjoyment of all the residents of the County.

Formal education in the field is not necessary, but some demonstrated experience or involvement in parks and recreation projects or planning is preferred.

All interested applicants must complete and submit an Advisory Board Application. Applications can be submitted via mail, email, faxed or hand delivered to the County Manager's Office Manager.

- **Mail/Hand Delivered:** 412 W. Orange St., Suite 103, Wauchula, FL 33873
- **Email:** bcc@hardeecounty.net
- **Fax:** 863-773-0958

General information pertaining to the Committee:

The Parks and Recreation Committee has nine members, all of whom are appointed by The Board of County Commissioners. The terms of the members are 4 years.

The Parks and Recreation Committee meets once a month at 6:00pm at the Hardee Board of County Commissioners Chambers, located at 412 West Orange St., Suite 102, Wauchula, FL 33873.

For any questions regarding the Parks & Recreation Committee or the application process, contact the County Manager's office at 863-773-9430.