

**ORDINANCE 2014-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG,  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
ABOLISHING THE RECREATION COMMISSION, AND IN  
ITS PLACE AND STEAD, CREATING A RECREATION  
COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council is desirous of abolishing the Recreation Commission which has not been active for several years;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council wishes to form a Recreation Committee to focus on the recreational needs of all of the citizens of the Township of Lopatcong;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1**

The title of Chapter 53 of the Township Code is amended to read as follows:  
"Recreation Committee"

**Chapter 53**

The existing Chapter 53 of the Township Code is repealed in its entirety, and the following new Chapter 53 is adopted in its place and stead as follows:

**§ 53-1 Committee created; title; membership; term; vacancies;**

- A. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, there is hereby established a Recreation Committee to be known as the "Recreation Committee of the Township of Lopatcong," which shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall be a member of the municipal governing body and all of whom shall be residents of the township. The members of said Committee shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter provided.
- B. The Mayor shall designate one of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Committee. The terms of office of the first Committee members shall be for one, two or three years, to be designated by the Mayor in making his appointment, so that the terms of approximately 1/3 of the members will expire each year, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors. The Township Council may remove any member of the Committee for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel.
- C. A vacancy on the Committee occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

### **§ 53-2 Powers and Activities**

The Recreation Committee shall have the ability to make nonbinding recommendations to the governing body as to community events, including but not limited to Lopatcong Community Day and other community recreation events as well as enhancements to any town owned property for recreational activities. These nonbinding recommendations may consist of fundraising, operations, crowd control, costs and other activities related to the management of Lopatcong Community Day or other community recreational events or projects.

### **§ 53-3 Records and Annual Report**

The Recreation Committee shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to the Township Council.

### **§ 53-4 Appropriation of funds; Employees**

- A. The Council of the Township of Lopatcong may appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Recreation Committee.
- B. The Committee may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require and as shall be within the limits of funds appropriated to it.

### **Section 3**

The previously established Recreation Commission of the Township of Lopatcong is hereby deemed eliminated and dissolved, and all offices and membership in same which have been created are hereby revoked and dissolved. Any authority or power any person, or persons, had or was otherwise authorized by the existence of the Recreation Commission is hereby revoked.

### **Section 4**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage.

### **Section 5**

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

### **NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on February 5, 2014 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on March 5,

2014, at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third St, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

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Margaret E. Dilts, RMC  
Township Clerk