

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO NINE, ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF NEW AND REAPPOINTED MEMBERS; AND DESIGNATING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 2204 of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67204, gives the Board of Supervisors the authority to create a Recreation Board to supervise, regulate, equip and maintain township-funded recreation programs and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham Township has heretofore established a Recreation Board titled the "Park and Recreation Commission" ("hereafter "Commission") that initially consisted of from five (5) to seven (7) members and by Township Resolution No. 995 was designated to consist of seven (7) members; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham Township by its Resolution 2085 provided for an alternate member to serve on the Commission in addition to the seven (7) regular members; and

WHEREAS, Section 2204 of the Second Class Township Code provides regulations for the number of members comprising a Recreation Board and the length of their terms of service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents for the Commission to be comprised of nine (9) members serving five-year terms, except that the members heretofore appointed shall serve the remainder of their current term and that any new members appointed or present members reappointed after the expiration of current terms, shall be appointed so that the terms of not more than two members expire annually, as regulated by the Second Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents by this Ordinance to reaffirm the establishment of the Parks and Recreation Commission in accordance with the Second Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2204 of the Second Class Township Code states the Park and Recreation Board will have only those powers specifically delegated to it by the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, after public hearing duly advertised and held on the 22nd day of April, 2026, as follows:

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Pursuant to Section 2204 (b) of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67204 (b), the number of members on the Commission is hereby increased to consist of nine (9) members, who are residents of the Township, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2: APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Members of the Commission shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. Commission members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors in a Public Meeting.
- B. Commission members shall receive Child Abuse History Clearance from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.
- C. Commission members shall serve for terms of five years or until their successors are appointed, except those members currently serving shall fulfill their current terms and those members newly appointed or reappointed shall be appointed so that the terms of not more than two members expire annually.
- D. All persons appointed shall serve their full terms unless they voluntarily resign or are removed by the Board of Supervisors for dereliction or neglect of duty.
- E. Should a vacancy occur by means other than by the expiration of a term, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy only for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 3: COMPENSATION

The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed by the Township for expenses incurred in performing their duties.

SECTION 4: REESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

- A. Pursuant to Section 2204 of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67204, the establishment of a Recreation Board known as the Park and Recreation Commission is hereby ratified, restated, reconstituted and reaffirmed in and for Buckingham Township.
- B. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on the development, oversight, maintenance and regulation of

Township parks, recreation areas, park facilities and provide recommendations on recreational programming, open space management and long- range planning.

SECTION 5: ORGANIZATION

- A. The Commission shall meet monthly in a public meeting which has been previously advertised and at which the public shall be given an opportunity to be heard.
1. The Commission shall, from their own membership, elect a Chairman, Secretary and such other officers that the members may deem necessary and proper.
 2. All Officers shall serve in their position for one year and may succeed themselves.
 3. The Commission shall exercise only those responsibilities specifically delegated to it by the Board of Supervisors
 4. The Commission may adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of all business within its jurisdiction.
 5. The Commission shall keep minutes of its meetings, which it shall submit to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6: RESPONSIBILITIES

The following responsibilities are delegated to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Serve as an advisory board on matters concerning parks and recreation.
- B. Review, discuss and advise on programs and the operation of parks and recreation services.
- C. Plan, recommend and implement recreational programming.
- D. Advise the Board of Supervisors in the acquisition and development of parklands.
- E. Inform the Board of Supervisors as to the status and progress of recreation and parks services.
- F. Develop, maintain and promote the implementation of a comprehensive parks, recreation and open space plan.
- G. Evaluate annually the park and recreation system in the community in relation to its purpose and other Township, County and State planning and visioning documents.

- H. Identify open space, recreation, park and trail needs of the Township.
- I. Actively promote parks and recreation activities throughout the Township.
- J. Utilize the regular public meetings of the Commission, in addition to regular business to serve as a forum to discuss new programs and services that benefit the Township.
- K. Collaborate and cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of parks and recreation in the Township.
- L. Communicate the importance and need of recreation services to the general public.
- M. Recommend plans, programs and policies regarding the provision of recreation and parks services.
- N. Develop and recommend policies for implementation to provide and manage the equitable and full use of all recreation facilities.
- O. Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors including an analysis of the adequacy and effectiveness of community recreation areas, facilities and leadership.
- P. Perform such other duties relating to parks and recreation as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, or otherwise void for any reason, such decision shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions hereof, it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise void provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 8. REPEALER.

Any Ordinance or Resolution containing any provision inconsistent herewith to the extent that such provisions are inconsistent, those provisions are also hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective five days following enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW by the Board of Supervisors of the Buckingham Township this 22nd day of April, 2026.

**BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Maggie Rash, Chairman

Jon Forest

Michael Bateman

ATTEST:

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