ORDINANCE NO. 79

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION, REGULATING THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE THEREOF AND FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township is empowered by the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. 65723, as amended, to regulate the use and enjoyment of public parks and recreational grounds within the Township.

1. The name of the commission shall be "Hilltown Township Planning Commission."

2. That there shall be five members appointed by the Supervisors to the Hilltown Planning Commission, and the terms of office shall be for one, two, three, four, and five years respectively, with the succeeding terms to be reversed so that the succeeding term for the initial one-year term will be five years, the renewal for the two-year term shall be four years, the renewal for the three-year term shall be three years, the renewal for the four-year term shall be two years, and the renewal term for the five-year term to be one year.

3. The Commission is authorized and directed to analyze the community recreational areas, analyze the present parks and recreational land held by the Township, review the needs of the Township with reference to present and future demands for
recreational facilities and determine the extent of the needs and to recommend to the Township Supervisors a detailed recreational program, along with an appraisal of the public expenditures necessary to meet the program. Planning Commission shall also recommend to the Supervisors the need, if any, to avail themselves with consultation by state and county agencies, as the agencies relate to the park and recreational needs of the Township.

4. In addition to the above powers conferred by this ordinance, the Planning Commission is authorized and directed to promulgate a series of rules and regulations to govern the use of Township parks and playgrounds for present and future use. The rules and regulations shall be amended from time to time by the Commission as required to meet the needs of the community. The rules and regulations shall be submitted to the Supervisors who will adopt the same as required to give legal effect to the rules and regulations.

5. The rules and regulations so adopted by the Supervisors shall be posted in the park or recreational grounds and violations of the same shall be punishable in summary proceedings before the District Justice of the Peace. The penalty for the violation shall be the cost of prosecution and a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00), and in default of the payment thereof, imprisonment in the Bucks County Prison for a period not exceeding five (5) days. Each and every violation shall constitute a separate offense, and the imposition of one penalty shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue.
6. The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after it is adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

SO ENACTED AND ORDAINED this day of A.D., 1979, by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

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