

FOREST CITY BOROUGH
ORDINANCE NO. 521
FOREST CITY OUTDOOR TOWN ACTION TEAM

WHEREAS, the Borough Code, pursuant to 8 Pa. C.S.A. § 2708, allows for a Borough Council to create a recreation board or other authority to supervise and maintain recreation places and may appoint officers or employees for the same as it may deem proper; and

WHEREAS, once the Council determines that the power to equip, operate, and/or maintain recreation places shall be exercised by a recreation board, the Council may, by ordinance, establish in the borough a recreation board which shall possess specific power and duties as delegated by ordinance to support the Community and Economic goals of the Borough of Forest City; and

WHEREAS, the recreation board shall consist of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of nine (9) members and said members shall serve without pay and be appointed by the council for terms not longer than five (5) years, and shall hold staggered terms that shall be staggered in a manner that at least one (1) member's term expires annually; and

WHEREAS, the members of a recreation board established under this chapter shall elect their own chair and secretary and select all other necessary officers to serve for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Forest City Borough Council to establish such a recreational board to be recognized as the Forest City Outdoor Town Action Team (hereinafter the "Action Team"), to assist in operating, maintaining and bettering, through offering services related to advice, support, grant application, funding alternatives, and related avenues, to encourage and enhance the Community and Economic Development of the Borough as an Outdoor Town in several specific recreational areas within the borough of Forest City and intend to set forth and establish the "ACTION TEAM" and set forth its powers and duties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the members of the Forest City Borough Council as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

Words and phrases used shall have the meanings described to them in the Borough Code as now enforced, or as hereinafter amended or reenacted.

Section 2. ENACTMENT OF THE FOREST CITY OUTDOOR TOWN ACTION TEAM

The Borough does hereby establish the Forest City Outdoor Town Action Team for the purpose of assisting in operating and maintaining and bettering, through offering services related

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to advice, support, grant application assistance, funding alternatives, and related avenues for several specific recreational areas in the Borough of Forest City and through garnering community involvement and support for those recreational areas. The Board shall have authority to hold meetings and make decisions relating to these objectives. One member of the Board will report to the Forest City Council on a monthly basis.

Section 3 – AREAS OF JURISDICTION

The Action Team shall have jurisdiction to act as set forth above for the benefit of all areas within the Borough, but with specific regulation and advisory of the following areas in the Borough of Forest City in conjunction with the Borough: Areas in and along Main Street and Center Street, the Center Street Park, and the Forest City Rail/Trail.

Section 4 – INITIAL MEMBERSHIP/MEETING PROCEDURE

The initial members of the Action Team shall be as follows:

- A. THREE YEAR TERM (3):
- B. TWO YEAR TERM (3):
- C. ONE YEAR TERM (3):

Subsequent to the initial terms, all terms shall be for a period of three (3) years, and three terms shall expire each year. Members may be appointed for concurrent terms, should they be so appointed. The members of the Action Team shall elect their own chair and secretary and select all other necessary officers to serve for a period of one year. The Action Team shall hold open meetings and may allow for community members not appointed to the Action Team to serve on sub-teams and attend meetings. The Action Team shall comply with all open meeting requirements of the Sunshine Act.

Section 5 - SEVERABILITY

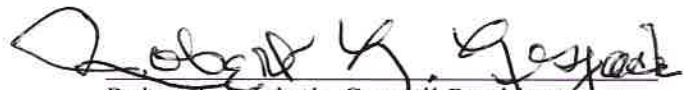
The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of any remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is declared to be the legislative intention that this Ordinance would have been enacted had the unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid provisions not been included in the Ordinance.


Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective on 1st day of AUGUST, 2022.


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ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 1st day of August, 2022 by the Forest City Borough Council, in Susquehanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in lawful session, duly assembled.


Robert L. Lesjack, Council President


Christopher D. Ginton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon Vannan, Secretary/Treasurer
Forest City Borough