CITY OF FOSTORIA, OHIO

Ordinance No.: 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: Law and Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE

To enact chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, entitled “Parks Board” establishing a Parks Board.

WHEREAS, the City of Fostoria recognizes the importance of parks, trails, and green spaces in promoting public health, community engagement, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Parks Board will promote strategic planning, efficient use of limited resources, and increased access to external funding opportunities, while encouraging civic involvement in the care and development of public spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Fostoria, Seneca, Hancock, and Wood Counties, Ohio:

 SECTION 1.The Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Oho be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding Chapter 153, “Parks Board”, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though fully re-written..

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

THEREFORE, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to council, and signature by the Mayor, this resolution shall go into immediate force and effect.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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 Brian Shaver, Council President

ATTEST:

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Tamara L. Drake, Clerk of Council

 Filed with me and approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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 Donald L. Mennel, Mayor

**CHAPTER 153**

**PARKS BOARD**

**153.01 Board Established**

**153.02 Composition**

**153.01 Board Established**

 A Parks Board shall be established effective August 1, 2025. The Parks Board shall be an advisory board making recommendations to the Administration regarding policies and operations of the City Parks, the walking, biking and recreational trails around the reservoirs, and Cemetery. The Parks Board shall be responsible for advising on the following:

1. Preparation and continuous update of a five year capital improvement program for the parks, reservoirs, and cemetery.
2. Recommendations for grant applications to each county each biennium.
3. Development and continued review of a systemic park maintenance program, including recommendations relating to procedures, manpower, and equipment.
4. Review and recommendation to the Administration on annual budget proposals, including capital expenditures to be submitted to Council.
5. Recommendations for landscape architecture and design.

**153.02 Composition**

 The Parks Board shall be composed of eight (8) members. The Mayor shall be the Chair and the Director of Public Service and Safety shall be the Vice Chair. The Mayor shall appoint five members for approval by a majority vote of Council. Appointments shall be for a period of three (3) years. One Council person shall be appointed by Council President for a term that corresponds with their term on Council.