

Committee Summary

Origin

Minnesota Statute Chapter 806, Laws 1955, as amended by Chapter 588, Laws 1975, Chapter 883, Laws 1963, M.S. 298.01-398.36.

Composition

Seven Commissioners, five of whom shall be elected from five separate districts consisting of the area of Hennepin County outside the City of Minneapolis and in the same manner as County Commissioners. Two Commissioners shall be appointed by the County Board.

Duties/Responsibilities

Minnesota Statute Chapter 398, sections .07, .08 and .09 set forth the duties and powers of the Park District. The Park District will approve and set its levy, but the Hennepin County board has the authority to review and comment on the district's annual budget. County Board objections or modifications to the budget must be written and can be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Park District Board.

Term

Voters will elect Commissioners representing Districts 1, 3, and 5 in the 2012, 2016, 2020 and 2022 general elections. Voters will elect Commissioners representing Districts 2 and 4 in the 2012, 2014, 2018 and 2022 general elections. Commissioners appointed by the County Board serve 4-year terms.

Meetings

One regular Board Meeting per month, plus study sessions. Board meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 5:00 pm. Study sessions are typically held on the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 9:00 am. Meetings average 3-10 hours a month. In addition, reading and preparation for the meetings takes 4-6 hours. Visiting park components in the system and citizen contacts average another 3-4 hours. In total, the estimated time per month required is between 13 and 20 hours. Meetings are usually held at the Three Rivers Park District Administrative Center at 3000 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN.

Eligibility Requirements

Appointees must live within Three Rivers Park District (outside the City of Minneapolis) for the entire term (elected Commissioners must live in the Three Rivers district they were elected to represent for the entire term). Commissioners must be a US citizen and must

execute an oath of office. Commissioners may not hold other public office and may not hold an interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract entered into by the district. (Minnesota Statute Section 398.05).

Compensation

\$988.90 per month per Commissioner; \$1,043.88 per month for Board Chair. The Board by M.S. 383B.70 sets their compensation annually.

Reimbursement

Parking, mileage and other expenses

Other Information

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