

Common Council Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action on Parks Code of Conduct
Meeting Date: October 4, 2022
Presenter: Inga Cushman, Administrative Services Director
Department: City Administration

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordability & Financial Stability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

The Parks Code of Conduct will allow enforcement of park rules to occur and to ensure an enjoyable park experience for all users.

Analysis and Key Issues

The Parks & Recreation Commission reviewed the attached Parks Code of Conduct at their meeting on September 26, and recommended approval to Council. Internally, additional staff reviewed the policy, and changed the language to designate a committee to make the determination of whether an individual is prohibited from entering a park for a period of time due to violation of the policy. The draft presented to the commission listed the Public Works Director as making that decision. The committee will consist of the Public Works Director, Police Chief, and Administrative Services Director. This is a similar approach the City uses with other types of complaints received.

Staff used the Milton Public Library's Code of Conduct and the Madison Park's Behavior Policy as starting points in drafting the Parks Code of Conduct. The policy will allow staff to ban a park user from using a park due to their inappropriate behavior, which includes any violation of rules specific to a park. If a park user enters the park during the period they are banned, then the Police Department will be able to respond and potentially issue a citation for trespassing.

Fiscal Impact

This policy has no fiscal impact.

Recommended Motion

To approve the Parks Code of Conduct as presented.

Attachments

- Parks Code of Conduct