Local Law No. 4 (2008) Text Only

1. Short Title. This local law shall be known as the Town of Dryden Recreation Commission Law.

2. Commission; Membership. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Town Board.

   (a) Two (2) members whose terms shall expire December 31, 2008

   Two (2) members whose terms shall expire December 31, 2009

   Three (3) members whose terms shall expire December 31, 2010

   (b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to change the term of any member currently serving on the Commission as of the effective date of this Local Law and their respective appointments are hereby ratified and confirmed.

   (c) Following the expiration of the terms of the members currently serving, appointment of members in the class of members in (a) above shall be for terms of three (3) years.

   (d) One (1) member who shall represent the Town's community associations, whose term shall expire December 31st, 2008. Following the expiration of the term of such member, members appointed from this class shall serve for terms of one (1) year. The Town Board may also appoint an alternate member from this class whose term shall also be for one (1) year. Such member shall serve in the absence of the regular member and shall have the same powers hereunder as the regular member.

   (e) One (1) member, who shall be a faculty/staff member or administrator from Dryden Central School and has knowledge of students and facilities (e.g., athletic director, guidance counselor, etc.), whose term shall expire on June 30 each year. The Town Board may also appoint an alternate member from this class whose term shall also be for one (1) year. Such member shall serve in the absence of the regular member and shall have the same powers hereunder as the regular member. The Town Board may consult the Superintendent of Schools as to the appointment of the member and alternate member from this class.

   (f) Members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled and specially scheduled meetings. In the event that a member is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, or in the event that a member is absent from five (5)

meetings within any one (1) calendar year, then such member may be removed pursuant to the provisions of Local Law No. 1 of the year 2002.

(g) Members are expected to attend, volunteer and/or work at a minimum of four (4) Recreation Department community events/programs annually. Other obligations of membership may be established by the Commission, subject to approval by the Town Board.

3. Ex-officio Membership. The Town Supervisor and/or his/her appointee(s) and the Town Recreation Director shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Commission.

4. Chair and Secretary. The Commission shall annually elect from its membership a chair and secretary.

5. Rules. The Commission shall adopt rules governing its procedure and the conduct of its members, which rules shall be submitted to the Town Board and approved by the Town Board prior to the time such rules (or any amendments thereto) shall become effective.

6. Compensation; Expenses. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except that they shall be reimbursed for their mileage and other disbursements pursuant to policies established by the Town Board.

7. Responsibility. The mission of the Commission is, in conjunction with the Town of Dryden Recreation Department, to strive to improve the quality of life for all town residents by facilitating opportunities to participate in healthy and satisfying recreation and leisure activities. As such, the role of the Recreation Commission is to act as an advisory board to the Recreation Department and Town Board and as a liaison to the community.

(a) The Commission shall provide guidance for the Recreation Department in the following capacities: input and review of annual budgets, operation of recreation programs, review of policy and guidelines for recreation programs and use of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and development of creative ideas for providing recreation programs.

(b) The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Town Board on recreation matters in the following capacities: having input in the interviewing and final selection of the Recreation Director; providing safe, well-maintained and attractive indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and recreation programs; researching and recommending, if applicable, additional recreation facilities; exploring alternative funding sources,

especially grants; encouraging an inclusive, comprehensive, local recreation program for all Town residents, and in such other matters as the Town Board may request.

(c) The Commission shall act as a liaison to the community, Dryden Central School District, community associations, the Recreation Department, and the Town Board by fostering a partnership between the community and Recreation Department in an effort to ensure that recreation programs are developed to meet community needs; by providing a forum to encourage communication between the residents of the Town, the Town community associations, and volunteer and school organizations that support recreation programs within the Town; by striving to increase public awareness of recreation and leisure opportunities and their benefits through meetings, clinics, websites and other media; by conducting needs assessments and surveying the Town to identify available recreation opportunities as well as residents' interests; by encouraging the development of volunteer coordinated recreation activities; by providing the Town Board, the Village Boards of Trustees of Dryden and Freeville, Town community associations, and Dryden Central School District Board of Education with copies of the minutes of its meetings; by providing a forum for hearing and deciding issues that may cause a conflict between recreation programs, their providers, or residents.

8. Prior Approval Required. No act taken by the Commission shall bind the Town Board nor shall the Commission be authorized to commit any Town monies without prior approval of the Town Board.

9. Reports. (a) The Recreation Director shall deliver a monthly program report to the Commission.

(b) The Chair of the Commission shall report in writing in February of each year to the Town Board the Commission's activities for the preceding year, including matters to which it has devoted a substantial amount of attention. Such report shall include recommendations for enhancement of existing recreation programs or creation of new recreation programs, and an outline of its goals for the coming year. Such report shall also include such other items as may be requested by the Town Board.

10. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect following its adoption and as provided in the Municipal Home Rule Law.