

Starke County Park and Recreation Board

Mission Statement:

The Starke County Park and Recreation Board (“SCPRB”) shall be delegated the mission to promote parks, public open space and recreational activities in Starke County, Indiana, on properties owned, operated or located in the County (but excluding county administrative buildings and public roads). The Board will develop and implement policies regarding the use, maintenance, development and perpetuation of parks and other publicly dedicated property in the county. In addition, the Board will promote and collaborate with other local park boards in the county, and with state and federal parks authorities.

Goal:

The goal of the SCPRB will be to increase awareness and use of parks, publicly dedicated lands and recreational activities located within the county and throughout the State of Indiana.

Duties:

The Board will oversee and be primarily responsible for handling public inquiries, concerns, and proposals relating to the parks and publicly dedicated lands within Starke County, and implement or facilitate resolutions of issues, if possible. The Board will conduct regular public meetings on parks matters, and special meetings as needed.

The Board will develop an inventory of parks, publicly dedication lands and other recreational resources located in the county, and will develop an expertise on the properties, their history, condition, usage and issues related to them.

Any questions, issues, concerns or proposals requiring the attention, advice or consent of the County Commissioner or Council will be referred to them in a timely manner.

The Board will work with the Starke Co. Convention and Visitors Commission to assist in the promotion of the parks and recreational activities within Starke County.

Funding:

Because none of the parks or publicly dedicated lands in Starke County are income producing, there will be no need to fund the board. The Board will be an appointed group of volunteers with a personal interest in parks and recreation and a desire to be pro-active in the service of the community.