

**ERIE COUNTY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**  
**Health, Education, Recreation and Culture Committee**

**4/12/06 - Recommendations on Charter changes pertaining to:**

County Charter

ARTICLE 7

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & **FORESTRY**

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Section 701. Department of parks and recreation; ~~commissioner; parks act~~ **REPEALED.**

702. Powers and duties.

703. County parks and other recreation facilities.

Section 701. Department of parks and recreation; ~~commissioner; parks act repealed.~~ There shall be a department of parks and recreation headed by a **commissioner/director, who shall be appointed by the county executive manager, commissioner of public works subject to confirmation by the county legislature.** ~~The Erie county parks act, being chapter six hundred six of the laws of nineteen hundred forty seven as amended, is hereby repealed as of January first, nineteen hundred sixty one.~~

Section 702. Powers and duties. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the **commissioner/director** shall have supervision and control over the design, construction, operation, maintenance and repair of all county owned and operated properties and facilities for the following purposes; parks and recreation facilities therein, beaches, ~~zoological and botanical gardens,~~ forest lands and golf courses, together with buildings, structures, roads, parking areas, utilities, equipment and appurtenances. The **commissioner/director** ~~He~~ shall perform such additional and related duties as the county ~~executive~~ **manager/commissioner of public works** may prescribe.

Section 703. County parks and other recreation facilities. The county legislature is hereby authorized on behalf of the county to accept by gift and to acquire by purchase, condemnation, lease or otherwise, real property for the purposes set forth in section seven hundred two hereof. The county legislature may abandon such purposes by local law and may dispose of such property.

*NOTE: Administrative Code, Article 7 would need to be modified to reflect the charter changes reflected above. This assignment is beyond the scope of this committee and commission at this time.*