

1 of the city may be [acquired in like manner] purchased or
2 acquired for the recreation places[, and such lands may be
3 annexed to the city, in the manner provided by this act for the
4 annexation of territory to a city.] with the consent of the
5 governing body of the municipal corporation in which the lands,
6 property or buildings are situated.

7 Section 349. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

8 Section 3703.1. Powers of Council; Delegation.--(a) Council
9 shall have the power to equip, operate, supervise, and maintain
10 recreation places and to employ recreation directors or any
11 other officers or employes deemed necessary in order to carry
12 out the provisions of this article.

13 (b) In any case in which more than one-half the full costs
14 of the supervision and maintenance of the recreation places,
15 including the compensation of all the officers and employes
16 hired to carryout the provisions of this article, are borne by
17 the city, council shall have the authority to fix the
18 compensation of these officers and employes.

19 (c) Council may delegate all or part of its power under
20 subsection (a) to an existing body or board or to a recreation
21 board, as council shall determine.

22 Section 350. Section 3704 of the act, amended January 14,
23 1952 (1951 P.L.2032, No.570), is repealed:

24 [Section 3704. Creation of Recreation Board.--The authority
25 to supervise and maintain recreation places may be vested in any
26 existing body or board, or in a recreation board, as council
27 shall determine. Council may equip, operate, and maintain the
28 recreation places, as authorized by this act. Such authorities
29 may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this
30 article, employ play leaders, recreation directors, supervisors,

1 superintendents, or any other officers or employes, as they deem
2 proper. Where more than one-half the full costs of the
3 supervision and maintenance of the recreation places, including
4 the compensation of all the officers and employes, are borne by
5 the city, the compensation of such officers and employes shall
6 be fixed by council: Provided, however, That in such cases,
7 council may delegate this power to the recreation commission.]

8 Section 351. Section 3705 of the act, amended October 4,
9 1978 (P.L.950, No.188), is amended to read:

10 Section 3705. [Composition of Board.--(a) If council shall
11 determine that the power to equip, operate, and maintain
12 recreation places, shall be exercised by a recreation board,
13 they may establish in said city such recreation board, which
14 shall possess all the powers, and be subject to all the
15 responsibilities of council under this article. Such] Creation
16 and Composition of Recreation Board.--Council may establish in
17 the city a recreation board, which shall possess the powers and
18 the responsibilities delegated to it by council in accordance
19 with section 3703.1(c). The recreation board, when established,
20 shall consist of [a minimum of five and a maximum of nine
21 persons, two of whom shall be members of and appointed by the
22 school board. The city] five or seven persons. The members of
23 the board shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of
24 council and shall serve for terms no longer than five years and
25 the terms of the members shall be staggered in such a manner
26 that at least one expires annually. Members of [such] the
27 recreation board shall serve without pay. Vacancies in [such]
28 the board, occurring otherwise than by expiration of term, shall
29 be for the unexpired term and shall be filled in the same manner
30 as original appointments.

1 [(b) In addition to the establishment of a city recreation
2 board, the council may appoint persons to serve as members of a
3 school district recreation board established by the school
4 district wherein the city is located.]

5 Section 352. Sections 3706, 3707 and 3708 of the act are
6 amended to read:

7 Section 3706. [Organization of Board; Employees] Organization
8 of Board.--The members of a recreation board, established
9 pursuant to this article, shall elect their own [chairman] chair
10 and secretary and select all other necessary officers, to serve
11 for a period of one year[, and may employ such persons as may be
12 needed, as authorized by this article. Such]. The board shall
13 have power to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of all
14 business within its jurisdiction. Meetings of the board shall be
15 subject to the provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch.7 (relating to open
16 meetings).

17 Section 3707. Joint Ownership and Maintenance.--[Any] A city
18 may, jointly with any [other cities, boroughs, or townships, or
19 any of them] one or more other municipalities, acquire property
20 for, and operate and maintain, any recreation [places] place.
21 Any city may join with any school district, in equipping,
22 operating, and maintaining recreation places, and may
23 appropriate money therefor.

24 Section 3708. [Issue of Bonds.--The city council may issue
25 general obligation bonds] Borrowing.--The city council may
26 borrow money and incur debt in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Pt.
27 VII Subpt. B (relating to indebtedness and borrowing) for the
28 purpose of acquiring lands or buildings for recreation places,
29 and for the equipment therefor.

30 Section 353. Section 3709 of the act, amended August 10,