

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Charter of the City of Midland established a Parks and Recreation Commission to serve as an advisory body to the City Council. This nine-member commission includes representatives from different institutions, industries, government departments, and from the public at-large. Duties of the Commission include advising the City Council on policies, budgets, and improvements for the approximately \$2 million allocated annually to Parks and Recreation. The Commission meets ten times annually, more often if required. The Commission will also hold separate meetings for public hearings, if needed.

To assist the Commission, Midland has a Parks and Recreation Department under the direction of the City Manager. This Department is managed by the Public Services Director with an Assistant Director for Parks and Forestry, and an Assistant Director for Recreation. They oversee staff in five divisions, Forestry and Pest Control, Parks, Currie Golf Course, Midland Cemetery, and Recreation. The organizational chart in Figure 21 illustrates the relationship of the Commission and staff to other components of the City's structure.

Each division of the Parks and Recreation Department has a specific role. The Parks division maintains more than 2,700 acres of parks, play areas, parking lots, roadway medians and parkways, floodplain areas, sports fields, 35 shelters and buildings, and City pool. The Parks division also helps organize special events.

The Forestry division is charged with planting, maintaining, and replacing more than 55,000 trees in parks and outlaws. Special care is given in selecting species of trees that flourish in specific conditions. The division is also active in Arbor Day events.

The Golf Course division operates and maintains the Curries Gold Course, including both clubhouses and the driving range. The primary task of this division is to provide well groomed, competitive and attractive golf course that are easily affordable for the public.

The Cemetery Sexton maintains the Midland Cemetery and continues to improve the appearance of the facility through landscaping.

The Recreation division assists in managing the numerous programmed sports offered throughout the community, including softball. Staff also administers a summer neighborhood playground program, canoe rental, toboggan rental, cross-country ski rental, swimming programs, and many other activities. This Division also operates the picnic shelter and Chalet rental programs at the City Forest.

Department of Public Services

Figure 21 - Administrative Structure

