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Education:

B.S. Park Administration and Recreation, the Pennsylvania State University. Additional management course work at West Virginia University, West Liberty State College, & North Carolina State University.

Employment:

1973 to 2021	Wheeling Park Commission
1973	Internship
1974 – 1978	Area Supervisor
1978 – 1993	Operations Manager
1993 – 2016	Director of Oglebay Park Operations
2016 – 2017	Director of Wheeling Park Operations
2017 – 2019	Director of the Oglebay National Training Center
2019 – 2021	Director of Special Projects
9/30/21	Retired
2021 – Present	Consultant etc. to Wheeling Park Commission
2021 – Present	West Liberty University Bus Driver (very part time)

Current Responsibilities:

Retired / no daily responsibilities serve as a consultant, trolley driver, tour guide, ambassador, and assist the Vice President of Operations of the Wheeling Park Commission as requested.

Previous Responsibilities:

The Director of Special Projects was a part time position and included assisting the Executive Vice President of Park Operations as requested.

The Director of the Oglebay National Training Center is responsible for all the details involved in hosting 8 weeks of professional training for several national and international organizations. The current schools served include the National Recreation and Park Association, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, The International Association of Venue Managers, The International Festival and Events Association, Association of Air Medical Services, and National Association of State Park Directors, and the National Association of Park Foundations.

Director of Park Operations responsibilities changed over the year and included at various times the management of numerous park and recreational facilities and activities including golf, tennis, swimming, boating, fishing, soccer fields, miniature golf, stables, amphitheater, playgrounds, picnic facilities, ice arena, day camps, resident camp, glass museum, zoo, youth programming, and park rangers. In this position, I also coordinated the operations of numerous special events such as Memorial Day Weekend, the Summer Sunday Series, July 4th Activities, Zoo Brew, Labor Day, Oglebayfest, Boo-at-the-Zoo, the Festival of Lights and others. Other responsibilities included: developing and administering Access to the Parks, the zoo membership program, a variety of season passes and fund raising.

Previous Professional Membership:

The National Recreation and Park Association, the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association, the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, and the International Festivals and Events Association.

Past and Present Community Involvement:

Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Wheeling, Wheeling Chamber Partners in Education, Rotary Club of Wheeling (past president), Wheeling Area Habitat for Humanity (past president), Hopeful City, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upper Ohio Valley, Wheeling Area Heart Association (past president), West Virginia University / Ohio County Extension Committee (past chairman), Ohio County Fair Board, Elmhurst House of Friendship, Laughlin Memorial Chapel (current President Elect), Sons of the American Revolution (current Vice President), Ohio Valley Connect, Friends of Wheeling, Wheeling Area Genealogical Society, Wheeling Health-Right Congregations for Caring, The Wheeling Arts and Culture Commission, Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (Ruling Elder, Chair of Evangelism, Fellowship and Membership Committee, and Building and Property commission member), Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery Stewardship committee, and Synod of the Trinity (Commissioner, representing Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery).

Certifications Etc.:

National Recreation and Park Association Certified Park and Recreation Professional, Association of Zoos and Aquariums Professional Fellow, Certified Pool Operator, Commercial Drivers License (Class B with Passenger Endorsement), West Virginia Food Handler Permit, Certified Concession Manager, Certified Ice Arena Manager, American Red Cross Basic Life Support Certified, and Notary Public. Expired Certification includes: Certified Aquatics Facility Manager, TIPS Bartending Trainer, and American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor.