

or footpaths, which grade or grades may be separate and apart from the grade or grades established for the cartway or roadway. *In case the highway is a State or county highway, the written consent of the Department of Highways or the county commissioners, as the case may be, shall first be obtained.*

Section 1901. Designation and Acquisition of Lands.—The supervisors of any township may by ordinance designate and set apart for use as parks, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools, or indoor recreation centers, hereinafter called recreation places, any lands or buildings, owned by such township, and not dedicated or devoted to other public use. Such township may, in such manner as may be authorized or provided by law for the acquisition of lands or buildings for public purposes in such township, acquire lands or buildings therein for any of such purposes or, if there be no law authorizing such acquisition, the township supervisors may acquire lands or buildings for such purposes by gift or purchase, or may lease lands or buildings in such township for temporary use for such purposes. *Whenever the supervisors designate or acquire any lands, with or without buildings, under the provisions of this section, except when the acquisition is under a lease for temporary use, they may construct buildings and facilities thereon for the purposes herein indicated.*

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 86

AN ACT

Providing for the construction and equipping of the Pennsylvania School for Mental Defectives; providing for the acquisition of land; providing for the care, maintenance and control of inmates; imposing duties and conferring powers on the Department of Welfare and the Department of Property and Supplies.

Mental health.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Department of Welfare directed to select land to be used for erection and construction thereon of a new institution for mental defectives.

Section 1. The Department of Welfare, with the approval of the Governor, shall select for acquisition by the Department of Property and Supplies in the name of the Commonwealth, land for the erection and construction thereon of a new institution for mental defectives, with a capacity of not less than six hundred inmates. Such land shall provide ample water supply and be capable of adequate sewerage and drainage, and the acreage obtained shall be sufficient for the most productive agricultural employment of the inmates.

Section 2. Upon the acquisition of any land in the name of the Commonwealth, the Department of Property and Supplies shall construct thereon a new institution which shall be known as the "Pennsylvania School for Mental Defectives." The plans and specifications of the institution shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Welfare, and shall provide for suitable buildings and an adequate water supply system, sewage treatment works, heat and electric power plant or plants, service lines, and other necessary equipment, structures and improvements. The buildings shall be of modern design, plain and substantial, and capable of extension as the needs of the institution may require.

Department of Property and Supplies to construct new institution to be known as "Pennsylvania School for Mental Defectives."

Section 3. The Department of Welfare shall receive into the custody of such institution, for care, guidance and control, mental defectives, in the manner provided by law.

Institution to be used for care, guidance and control of mental defectives.

Section 4. The management and operation of the school and the care, maintenance and employment of the inmates, shall be the function of the Department of Welfare. Subject to and in the manner provided in The Administrative Code of 1929 and its amendments, the Department of Welfare shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of a superintendent, deputy superintendent, chaplain, guards, physicians, mechanics, clerks, stenographers, and other employes, as may be deemed necessary for the proper maintenance and management of the school and the safekeeping therein of its inmates. The compensation of all persons so appointed and all other expenses in connection with the care and maintenance of inmates of the institution shall be paid from the appropriation made to the Department of Welfare for such purposes.

Duties and powers of Department of Welfare.

Section 5. In the management of the Pennsylvania School for Mental Defectives, the Department of Welfare shall have all the power conferred and perform all the duties imposed by the laws of the Commonwealth on the boards of trustees of the mental hospitals and institutions for mental defectives and epilepsy in Pennsylvania.

Management of institution.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 87

AN ACT

Relating to the admissibility in evidence and the proof of official records, documents and proceedings of the United States Government, and of copies thereof, and extracts therefrom, and certificates in reference thereto.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Federal official records, etc., as evidence.