

The Dammeron Valley Fire Special Service District (“DVFSSD”) has clear statutory authority to equip and maintain a playground.

Section 11-2-1, Utah Code. *Local authorities may designate and acquire property for playgrounds and recreational facilities.*

The governing body of any city, town, school district, local district, special service district, or county may designate and set apart for use as playgrounds, athletic fields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools, camps, indoor recreation centers, television transmission and relay facilities, or other recreational facilities, any lands, buildings or personal property owned by such cities, towns, counties, local districts, special service districts, or school districts that may be suitable for such purposes; and may, in such manner as may be authorized and provided by law for the acquisition of lands or buildings for public purposes in such cities, towns, counties, local districts, special service districts, and school districts, acquire lands, buildings, and personal property therein for such use; and may equip, maintain, operate and supervise the same, employing such play leaders, recreation directors, supervisors and other employees as it may deem proper. Such acquisition of lands, buildings and personal property and the equipping, maintaining, operating and supervision of the same shall be deemed to be for public, governmental and municipal purposes.

11-2-2, Utah Code. *Entertainment facilities.*

Such local authorities may organize and conduct plays, games, calisthenics, gymnastics, athletic sports and games, tournaments, meets and leagues, dramatics, picture shows, pageants, festivals and celebrations, community music, clubs, debating societies, public speaking, story telling, hikes, picnics, excursions, camping and handicraft activities, and in areas so remote from regular transmission points of the large television stations that television reception is impossible without special equipment, and adequate, economical and proper television is not available to the public by private sources, said local authorities may equip and maintain television transmission and relay facilities and other forms of recreational activity that may employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner.