

An ordinance to provide for the use, protection, regulation and control of the public parks and park facilities and other matters concerning recreation, conservation, education, historic and scenic areas and preserves and parkways, and to provide for the adoption of supplementary rules and regulations and other matters related to the use of and conduct on park property.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD, MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1: Short Title

This ordinance may be known and referred to as the Winfield Township Park Ordinance.

Section 2: Hours

The park will be considered closed from Sundown to Sunup.

Section 3: Protection of Property

- A. Destruction of buildings, markers, monuments and other properties shall be prohibited, and no person shall, on township park property:
1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, benchmark, stake, post or blaze, marking, or designate any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
 2. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure.
 3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon park property.
- B. Destruction of plant life and natural surroundings shall be prohibited and no person shall:
1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sampling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, foliage, flower, or any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass.
 2. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel, or sand, without written permission of the township board.
- C. The following rules shall apply to fires on township park property:
1. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow within or upon the property of the commission.
 2. No person shall build any fire upon park property except within the fireplaces, receptacles or open spaces approved for such purpose.
 3. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable materials within or upon any property of the park.

Section 4: Traffic and Parking

Parking in prohibited areas; standing for loading or unloading in certain places

- A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.
- B. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.
- C. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in any area which is designated as a prohibited parking area.
- D. It shall be unlawful to drive or park any motor vehicle in or upon park property which is used for recreational purposes, unless otherwise allowed by these rules.

Motor-driven vehicles

It should be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on roads or designated parking areas.
- B. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 15 miles per hour or at any speed greater than that posted; provided further, however, that notwithstanding any provision herein, any person driving a vehicle on an park road shall drive at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is responsible and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the and of any other condition then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a park road at a speed greater than will permit him to bring said vehicle to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
- C. Operate any motor-driven sled, toboggan or snowmobile on any park property except where permitted by posted notice.
- D. Operate any vehicle upon park property, including but not limited to, any area designated for the parking of vehicles, in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property.
- E. Drive any vehicle upon park property while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic, drug, barbitol or any derivative of barbitol.
- F. Operate any motor vehicle in any manner upon park property which results in excessive noise or disturbs the peace, quiet or tranquility of the area.
- G. Leave, or cause to be left, any vehicle upon park property between sunset and sunrise.

Section 5: Trespass

- A. Livestock-No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across park property .
- B. Peddling and soliciting-It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any lands, water, structures, or property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the township board
- C. Unlawful obstruction-No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing, or by any other means prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the township board.
- D. Hindering employees-No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or contracted agent of the township while performing their official duties.
- E. Alcoholic beverages, drugs-No person shall have in their possession any intoxicating beverage while in or upon park property. No person shall sell, use or have in his possession any drug or narcotic; the sale, use or possession of which is prohibited by the state law.
- F. Personal conduct-
 - 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct, or to disturb or annoy others, while in or on any park property.
 - 2. It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game of chance upon park property.
- G. Use of loudspeaker—It shall be unlawful to use a loudspeaker, public address system or amplifier within or upon township property without a written permit issued by the township board or its agent.

H. Fireworks—No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecracker, torpedo, squib, or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive nature within or upon park property unless the township board or its authorized agent shall have authorized same by the issuance of a permit therefore.

I. Firearms—No person shall at any time, bring into or upon the township park's properties, nor have in his or her possession, nor discharge, or set off anywhere upon said properties, a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air gun, water gun or any gun, rifle, firearm or bow or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any deputy sheriff, police officer, peace officer, park ranger, or other duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities.

J. Littering and pollution of waters—It shall be unlawful:

1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the property of the commission except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.

Section 6: Enforcement

Fines and imprisonment-Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$500 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both, for each offense.

Section 7:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 8: Effective date

This ordinance shall be published as required by law, to become effective on the date of final publication.