

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK RULES ORDINANCE # 102

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.

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1: Short Title

This ordinance may be known and referred to as the Deerfield Township Park Ordinance, and unless otherwise stated, all provisions of the Ordinance apply to any park that now exists within the Township, or any park which is created at a future date.

Section 2: Definitions

- A. "Committee" shall mean the Deerfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee.
- B. "Township park property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Deerfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee.
- C. "Person" or "person" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural; firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
- D. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons on the ground or in any manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, boat or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises or waters within any park or recreation area administered by the committee.
- E. "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the Deerfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of Deerfield Township and all amendments thereto.

Section 3: Public Use and Hours

General Public - means any person desiring to use or who uses any park.

- A. Hours - dawn to dusk.

Section 4: 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 designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
2. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamppost, 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:

1. No person shall cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sapling, 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. No person shall remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel, or sand, without written permission of the Deerfield Township Board or its agents.
3. No person shall build any fire upon park property.

Section 5: Protection of Wildlife and Hunting Regulations

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person while on Township park property to cause any animal or fowl to run at large.
- B. Horse back riding is allowed on Township park property but only on designated trails.
- C. All animals must be under the immediate control of a competent person at all times. All dogs must be leashed.
- D. No person shall hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, attempt to trap, catch, wound, or kill any bird or animal, molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land or waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the committee. Provided, however, the committee may from time to time designate limited areas in which, due to overcrowding, how hunting shall be allowed. Fishing will be permitted within or upon Township park property in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the rules of the Department of Natural Resources of the

State of Michigan in such areas designated for such purposes. It shall be unlawful to violate any of the laws of the State of Michigan relating to hunting and/or fishing while on Township park property.

All game, animals, fowl, birds, fish and other aquatic life, hunted, killed, or taken or destroyed, bought, sold, bartered, or had in possession, contrary to any of the provisions hereof, shall be and the same are declared to be contraband and the same shall be turned over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for disposal. Provided further that any weapon or object carried or used by any person in violation of these rules shall be subject to seizure by the committee or its agents and disposed of according to law.

Section 6: Regulations Governing Sports, Games, Activities and Other uses

A. No swimming or bathing allowed.

Section 7: Boating

Only non-motorized canoes and kayaks are permitted. All watercraft shall comply with and be used in compliance with Public Act 303 of 1967, as amended, and such regulations as may be adopted under the authority of the act. No boats can be left unattended at any time.

Section 8: Camping

It shall be unlawful to camp at any time.

Section 9: Traffic and Parking

Parking in permitted areas only.

- A. No motor-driven vehicles of any kind or nature are permitted except in designated parking areas.
- B. It shall be unlawful to operate any motor-driven sled, snowmobile, ATV, dune-buggy, go-cart, or any motor driven vehicle on any property under the management, supervision or control of the committee.
- C. It shall be unlawful to leave, or cause to be left, any vehicle upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of Deerfield Township between dusk and dawn.
- D. Bicycles may be operated upon such paths, trails, or roadways as may be posted allowing such use; provided, however, no such use shall be allowed between dusk and dawn.

Section 10: Trespass

- A. 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 commission, or to use such lands, water, structures or property unless first authorized in writing by Deerfield Township or its agent.

- B. Unlawful obstruction - No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidation, 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 Deerfield Township.
- C. Hindering employees - No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the Township while performing their official duties.
- D. Alcoholic beverages, drugs - No person shall have in their possession any intoxicating beverage while in or upon the property administered by or under the jurisdiction of Deerfield Township. 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.
- E. 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 property administered by or under the jurisdiction of Deerfield Township.
 - 2. It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game or chance upon park property.
- F. Use of loudspeaker - It shall be unlawful to use a loudspeaker, public address system or amplifier within or upon committee property without a written permit issued by the Township or its agent.
- G. No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecrackers, torpedo, squib, or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive nature within or upon the property of the committee unless the Township or its authorized agent shall have authorized same by the issuance of a permit therefore.
- H. 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 of his position nor to any person while on or in those areas which may from time to time be designated as hunting areas by the committee.
- I. Littering and pollution of water - It shall be unlawful:
 - 1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the property.

2. To throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.
- J. Special permits - No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath Township park property by any person, firm, or corporation without first having obtained written permission from the Township Board, authorizing such installation or construction and a permit specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such approval.
- K. Emergency powers - Nothing in these rules shall:
1. Prohibit or hinder duly authorized agents of the Township or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
 2. Prohibit the Township from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare and safety of park visitors and to protect park property; including, but not limited to, the right of the Township to order all persons off park property, and close all or any portion of said park.

Section 11: Enforcement


Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days and, further, the Township shall be entitled to recover all costs of prosecution with respect to such violation.

Section 12:

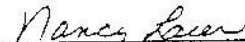
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 13: Effective date

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



Tom Green, Supervisor

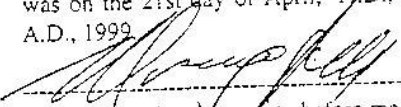


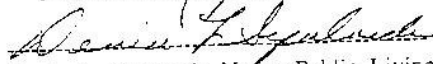
Nancy Laird, Clerk

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SS.
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Michael Preville being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the printers and publishers of the Livingston County Press in said state, that the annexed printed notice has been duly published in said newspapers at least 1 week(s) successively, and that the first insertion thereof was on the 21st day of April, A.D., 1999 and the last insertion was on the 21st day of April, A.D., 1999.


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April A.D., 1999.


Denise L. Sepulveda, Notary Public, Livingston County, State of Michigan.
My commission expires March 23, 2000.

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 - Describes what is not allowed
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- Full text can be viewed at Township Hall, 4492 Center Rd., Linden, Mich. 48451. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-5.
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