

2010 PARKS REGULATIONS

RESOLUTION 12-11-09

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP PARKS REGULATIONS

Be It Resolved by the Township Trustees of Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the following regulations for Township parks are established:

Purpose:

The Jefferson Township Board of Trustees offers Township-owned public parks are for the enjoyment of residents and non-residents alike, so they may benefit from the outdoor environment while enjoying a variety amenities centered around passive recreation—picnicking, cook-outs, “pick-up” or casual games, playgrounds, fishing, and walking paths where wildlife and nature in general may be enjoyed. It is the wish of the Trustees that each and every park visitor have a pleasant and rewarding outdoor experience when visiting Jefferson Township parks. To facilitate that goal, the following rules have been established:

Hours of Operation:

-Jefferson Township Parks will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. until dark.

-Only persons participating in a scheduled program or who have reserved facilities beyond normal operating hours are permitted in the Parks after dark or before 8:00 a.m.

General Rules:

-Jefferson Township parks are designed for passive recreational enjoyment. Use of any park area or facility in a manner other than passive recreation is prohibited.

-Defacement, destruction, removal or disturbance of any building, sign, equipment or natural vegetation within the parks is prohibited. Vandals will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

-No person shall bring to, leave behind, or dump any materials of any kind in the parks except the refuse, ashes, garbage, and other materials of a picnic, camp, or other permitted activities. Such material shall be deposited in receptacles provided. Parks are reserved for family activities. Organized sports, including practice sessions, shall not be permitted.

-Fires, other than fires in grills, fire ring or fireplace, are prohibited. Cooking apparatus using bottle propane is not permitted inside the shelter houses. All fires must be extinguished before leaving the parks.

-Hunting, trapping, collecting or damaging wildlife is prohibited. Destruction of any plant or removal of any part or part of any plant is prohibited. Those visiting the wooded areas must stay on the trails provided.

-Fishing will be permitted, subject to the statutes of the State of Ohio.

-Sledding is permitted.

-Ice skating, swimming and wading in or on the ponds is prohibited.

-Dogs are permitted on a leash and must be under the owner’s control. Failure to control pet will result in eviction of the owner from the park. Owner of pet will be responsible for removal and proper disposal of droppings left by said animal.

- Engine powered miniature models and toy airplanes, rockets, boats, cars, sirens and noise making devices are not permitted.

-Consumption or carrying of beer and/or alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Alcohol brought to any parks is a misdemeanor crime.

-No person shall carry or discharge firearms, air or gas guns, bows, crossbow, missile throwing objects, slingshots or any other weapons into the parks, except for persons engaging in special events approved by the Board of Trustees prior to the event.

-No person shall operate radios, phonographs, tape recorders or musical instruments at a volume audible beyond his immediate area. Live entertainment must have prior approval from the Township Administrator or Chair of the Board.

-Decorations may be taped to Shelter House surfaces only. No tacks, staples, screws or nails anywhere in the shelter. No confetti, glitter and/or similar decorations.

-Jefferson Township is not responsible for lost and/or damaged property, accidents or injuries incurred while using the Township facilities.

-Soliciting, sales and advertising of any kind on Parks grounds is prohibited without written permission from Township Trustees, and if allowed, an appropriate fee structure will be established.

Traffic

-No person shall ride or bring into the Parks, any horse, mule or pony, except on road entrances to Parks or parking lots.

-No person shall drive at a speed of more than 10 miles per hour on designated roads.

-Motor vehicles, mopeds, motorcycles, ATV's, snowmobiles, or other motor propelled vehicles or wagons are not permitted in areas not specifically designated as "Parking Area".

-Any vehicle left in the Parks after closing hours will be removed at the owner's expense.

Violation

-Visitors will observe all posted rules and regulations established by the Jefferson Township Parks Regulations. Non-compliance with Park rules and regulations shall result in loss of deposit. Rules shall be provided to those renting shelter houses and posted in a prominent place at all parks. Any groups that abuse a facility or violate rules and regulations will not be issued any future permits, and charges for damage will be assessed. Any exception to the rules and regulations must be obtained in writing from the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees.

Camping and Special Events at the Jefferson Community Park only:

-No person or group shall camp overnight or conduct, or promote any special event, public meeting, or athletic event or other public activity without prior authorization in writing by the Township Administrator or Township Trustees.

-At such time that the Board of Trustees grants permission for a non-profit organization to use the Park for an overnight camp-out, the following fee structure will be used:

- a) A \$80.00 refundable security deposit and a camp-out fee of \$1.00 per person, per night will be applicable.
- b) Fees above do not include shelter house use. The shelter houses may be rented and standard fees apply.

Shelter House Rental Procedures, Fees and Regulations:

Shelter Houses (Jefferson Community Park and Jefferson Run Park)

- Shelter Houses are rented on a first-come, first serve basis, and can be secured no more than one year prior to the rental date. Applicant/lessee must have paperwork completed and pay (security deposit and rental) to complete a reservation. Reservations are not complete until payments and forms are processed. Please call the office at 855-4260 to check for availability. Reservations forms are available at the Jefferson Township Office or online at www.jeffersontownship.org

- Rental and security deposit fees may be paid by cash, check, or money order. An \$80.00 security deposit is required for each rental. Please make check(s) payable to Jefferson Township. Security (refundable) deposits will be returned after the shelter house is checked for damage, and to ensure the Parks regulations were followed. Refundable security deposits will be returned 30 days after the rental date. Shelter house fees will not be refunded if an event is canceled due to inclement weather. There is a \$10 administration fee to change the date of a processed rental. Any cancellation within 30 days of rental date will result in a loss of the rental fee.

Shelter Houses can be reserved in 4-hour increments and time slots are 12-4 p.m. or 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Jefferson Community Park, Shelter Houses

-Fees for the reservation of the large (Maple Leaf) Shelter House are: RESIDENT \$60.00 & NON-RESIDENT \$100.00

-Fees for the reservation of the small (Trillium) Shelter House are: RESIDENT \$40.00 & NON-RESIDENT \$75.00

The Small Pines (small) shelter house will always be left available for a first come, first serve basis at no charge.

Jefferson Run Park, Shelter House

-Fees for the reservation of the large Shelter House are: RESIDENT \$50.00 & NON-RESIDENT \$80.00

Compliance with Rules and Regulations:

-The Fire Department Staff, any Township Trustee, any Parks Board member, Township Administrator, or the Service Department Superintendent is authorized to issue orders or directives to Parks visitors when, in their opinion, any person in the Parks is not complying with rules and regulations or is participating in any activity that constitutes a hazard to themselves or others or is in any way being a nuisance or disturbing the peace of the Parks.

-Upon continued disregard of said order or directive or prohibition, the offending person may be asked to leave the Parks or be ejected by the proper authorities.

Motion for adoption by Flanagan, seconded by Finn this 28th day of December, 2009.