

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE,
CREATING A RECREATION BOARD, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR
APPOINTMENTS, TERMS OF OFFICE, SERVICE, OFFICERS, BUDGETS, AND
RESTRICTIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE RECREATION BOARD**

Section 101. Creation of Recreation Board: Membership. There is hereby created a Recreation Board in and for the Township of Centre. The Recreation Board shall consist of five (5) persons to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for such terms as shall permit no more than two (2) terms to expire in any one (1) calendar year.

Section 102. Appointments: Terms of Office. The members of the Recreation Board shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for terms of five (5) years, in such order that at least one member's term shall expire annually. The aforesaid appointments for a specified term notwithstanding, a Recreation Board member may remain in office until a successor qualifies or is appointed, or the Board of Supervisors may remove any member of the Recreation Board, at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

Section 103. Service Without Pay: Vacancies. The members of the Recreation Board shall serve without pay, and vacancies in the Recreation Board, occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term, shall be filled by the Board of Supervisors for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Section 104. Officers and Directors of Recreation Board. The Recreation Board shall elect its own chairman, secretary and any other officers deemed necessary, to serve for a period of one (1) year.

Section 105. Annual Budget. The Recreation Board, at such times as directed by the Board of Supervisors, shall annually submit for approval to the Board of Supervisors a proposed budget for the ensuing year, setting forth all proposed expenditures, salaries and programs. The Recreation Board shall not in any manner obligate the Township of Centre for the payment of any municipal funds until the same is appropriated by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 106. Restrictions on Authority of Board. The Recreation Board shall exercise the authority granted herein over any now existing or hereafter acquired recreation place, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 107. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Centre Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 201. Definitions. Unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings of words and/or terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

(a) Board. The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

(b) Centre Township Recreation Area and Park. The park and recreation area owned and operated by the Township of Centre, a Pennsylvania municipality located in Berks County, Pennsylvania, which park and recreation area is located at Bucks Hill Road, in the Township.

(d) Township. The Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Section 202. Park Hours. No person shall be permitted within the Park between 7:01 P.M. and sunrise of each day between October 1 and March 1; and 10:01 P.M. and sunrise of each day between March 2 and September 30 unless a supervised activity and/or event is sponsored and/or conducted by the Board, or by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Section 203. Destruction of Plant Life and Natural Surroundings. No person shall:

(a) 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, tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass unless approved by the Board.

(b) Remove or cause to be removed or to dig any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulder, rock, gravel or sand unless approved by the Board.

Section 204. Destruction of Buildings, Equipment and Other Properties. No person shall:

(a) Destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or trail, marking or designation of any boundary line or survey line.

(b) Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, dam, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure or installation.

(c) Deface, destroy or remove any legally authorized placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within the Park.

Section 205. Fires. No person shall:

(a) Set or cause to be set on fire any trees, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow.

(b) Build any fire except within the fireplaces, receptacles or open spaces approved or designated by the Board for such purposes.

(c) Drop, dump, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, ashes, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable material.

(d) Leave fires unattended at any time or not fully extinguished before being abandoned within the Park.

Section 206. Wild Animals and Birds. No person shall pursue, catch, attempt to catch, strike, molest, wound or kill any bird, wild animal or any nest, lair, den, burrow, or the like, of any animal and/or bird.

Section 207. Pets and Animals. No person shall:

(a) Permit their dog, cat or animal classified as pet, access to, or on parks, playgrounds and recreation areas in the Park, unless such animal is secured and controlled by a leash.

(b) Cause any pet or animal to run at large.

(c) Fail to remove any of their animal's excrement to a proper receptacle off Park or recreation ground.

Section 208. Camping. No person shall:

(a) Camp except in such areas as may be provided and designated for such purposes by the Board. No person or group shall camp without a permit issued by the Board. No camping permit shall be issued for over a period of three (3) consecutive days.

(b) - Cause, create, or make any noise or disturbance which is a hindrance to the peace, quiet and tranquility of the Park.

(c) Wash dishes at pumps or drinking fountains; fail to clean camp sites daily or to discharge waste waters or any other wastes, except into designated containers or approved dumping stations.

(d) Dig a trench or make any excavation on any camp site.

(e) Occupy an area contrary to assignment as indicated on Use Permit .

(f) Camp with a self-contained house trailer, camper trailer or camper bus.

Section 209 Operation and Parking of motorized Vehicles. No person

(a) Operate a vehicle and stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, or for the unloading and delivery or picking up of materials.

(b) Operate a vehicle and stop, stand or park said vehicle in a handicapped parking area, other than vehicles designated for handicapped.

(c) Operate a vehicle and 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.

(d) Drive upon or park upon any lawn in any area of the Park unless specifically authorized or marked to do so by the Board.

(e) Operate and stop, stand or park a vehicle in such a manner as to block any fire trail, maintenance road, entrance/exit, bike/hike trail.

(f) Operate a vehicle and park in any place where-no parking signs have been erected.

(g) Operate and park a vehicle in such a manner as to block the exit or removal of another vehicle.

(h) Operate a motor vehicle in excess of five (5) miles per hour in any area of the Park unless a higher rate of speed has been posted.

(i) Operate any vehicle upon any area of the Park or roadway carelessly disregarding the rights and safety of others or in a manner so as to endanger any person or property.

(j) Operate any type of minibike, trail bike, all terrain vehicles, snowmobile or other motorized vehicles except in areas designated and designed for their purposes, and then only with the approval of the Board.

(k) Fail to come to a complete stop at a stop sign.

(l) Fail to yield at a yield sign.

(m) Wash or make mechanical repairs on vehicles except in an emergency on any vehicle.

(n) Use roadways in the Park as thoroughfares.

In conjunction with and in addition to Section 212, Subsections (a) through (l) of this Chapter, the Motor Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania shall apply to all roadways within the Park.

Section 210. Horses and Other Beasts of Burden. No person shall:

(a) Ride or lead a horse or pony within the Park other than when prior approval has been granted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township.

(b) Ride a horse in careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property or persons within the Park.

Section 211. Operation of Bicycles. No person shall:

(a) Randomly operate a bicycle within the Park and Recreation Area unless as close to the right-hand curb or right-hand side of a designated path, trail or roadway as conditions will permit, unless otherwise permitted.

(b) Operate any bicycle while upon any path, trail or roadway to carry any person upon the handlebar or frame of the bicycle, except in the case where a bicycle is equipped to carry more than one person.

(c) Operate a bicycle upon such paths, trails or roadways that are posted by the Board at dates and times previously specified in Section 204 of this Chapter.

(d) Leave or park any bicycle upon any road or parking lot within the Park which is open to the public on which motorized vehicles may be driven.

(e) Leave or park bicycles in walkways, active play areas but should place bicycles in designated parking areas and use appropriate racks, when available, within the Park.

Section 212. Trespass. No person shall:

(a) Enter upon any grounds that have been posted by Board with No Trespassing or any sign that would indicate that the area is not open to the general public without first obtaining a written permit from the Board.

(b) Enter any building that is not open to and regularly used by the public.

(c) Enter upon or disturb any construction or equipment on park properties of the Board except authorized personnel within the Park.

Section 213. Peddling and Soliciting. No person shall peddle or solicit business of any nature whatever or collect any fund for any service or charity, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any lands, waters, structures or properties administered by or under the control of the Board or to use such lands, waters, structures or properties unless first obtaining written permission from the Board.

Section 214. Unlawful Obstruction. No person shall force, threaten, intimidate, fence, enclose, or by any other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of the Park unless under the jurisdiction of the Board consistent with the terms of this Ordinance and other applicable statutes, rules and regulations, and then only by persons authorized to do so by the Board.

Section 215. Hindering Employees. No person shall interfere with, use profanity toward, or in any manner hinder any employees or agent of the Board who are performing their official duties within the Park.

Section 216. Alcoholic Beverages. No person shall possess or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any part of the Park; any alcoholic beverages in the possession of anyone shall be confiscated by the Township Police, within the Park.

Section 217. Personal Conduct. No person shall:

(a) Engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or annoy others, while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Board.

(b) Commit any indecent or immoral act tending to debauch the morals or manners of the public while in or on any facility or area of the Park.

Section 218. Fireworks. No person shall fire, discharge or have in their possession any rocket, firecracker or other fireworks or any other substance of an explosive nature unless the Board consents in writing.

Section 219. Firearms, Knives, Bow and Arrows, Etc. No person shall:

(a) Bring into or upon any areas of the Park, nor have in their possession, or discharge, or set off anywhere upon said properties, a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air rifle, sling shot, air gun, or any gun, firearm or bow or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force. Except that this section shall not apply to any deputy sheriff, police officer, peace officer, or other duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position.

(b) Possess any type of knife, hatchet or axe unless engaged in an activity for appropriate use.

(c) Possess any of the above items in this section; otherwise a law enforcement officer shall confiscate any article or weapon in the possession of any person which is in violation of this section within the Park.

Section 220. Littering, Dumping and Pollution of Waters. No person shall:

(a) Discard, deposit, dump, litter or allow to blow away refuse of any kind or nature except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.

(b) Bring or dispose of any type of trash, refuse or debris in any area within the Park, whether disposing of in receptacles or not, if such refuse did not result from usage within the Park.

Section 221. Skating and Coasting. No person shall:

{a) Use roller skates, skateboards or any other vehicle on wheels on court surfaces except at such times and upon such places as may be designated or maintained for that purpose.

(b) Skate, sled, snowshoe, walk or go upon any ice, or ski except at such times and upon such, places which may be designated or maintained for the purpose.

Section 222. Fees and Charges and Permits. No person shall use any facility, land or area for which a fee or a charge has been established by the Board of Supervisors of the township of Centre without payment of such fee, charge or receipt of appropriate permit from the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre.

Section 223. Emergency Powers. Nothing in these rules shall:

(a) Prohibit or hinder police officers or emergency personnel from performing their official duties.

(b) Prohibit the Board from establishing rules and regulations other than as herein provided so as to further protect the health, welfare and safety of park visitors and property within the Park.

Section 224. Penalties and Arrests.

(a) Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, for every such offense, upon conviction thereof, in a summary proceeding before a District Magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) and costs of prosecution, and in default of such payment of fine and costs, to be sentenced and committed to the lockup of the township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, For a period not exceeding five (5) days, or to the Berks County Prison, Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days. All prosecutions shall be brought in the name of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania. All fines shall be paid to the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Police Officers of the Township of Centre, without warrant, forthwith to arrest any[^] offender against the provisions of this

Ordinance, and to take the person so .arrested before a District Magistrate having competent jurisdiction.

Section 225. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, it is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid-sentence, clause or section not have been included herein.

Section 226. Number: Gender. Whenever used in this Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania this 14th day of September, 1998.

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