

# **TOWN OF WINCHESTER, WISCONSIN – WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

## **PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(1) **PURPOSE AND INTENT** - The regulations set forth in this document are intended to protect and preserve the parks, pathways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the Town from injury, damage, or desecration and to provide for the maintenance of certain park areas designated by the Town Board.

(2) **DEFINITIONS** – As used in these rules and regulations,

- a. "Parks" shall include all grounds, structures and water courses which may be located within any area dedicated to public use as a park, pathway, recreational facility or conservancy area within the Town.

(3) **SPECIFIC REGULATIONS:**

(a) **Park Hours** - Public parks within the Town shall be open to the public beginning at 7:00 a.m. daily and shall be closed, and all activities therein shall be terminated, at 10:00 p.m. daily. No person shall enter or remain in any park at any time other than as provided in these rules and regulations, unless specific written authority is first obtained from the Township.

(b) The Township may **extend the hours of operation** for any park for a specified event. Any such extension shall specify the date and description of the event, the alternative opening and closing time approved, and any restrictions imposed by the Township as a condition of the extension.

(c) **Reservation of Pavilion** - The Town Pavilion may be reserved by contacting the Town Clerk. If not reserved, the pavilion is available on a first come, first serve basis.

(d) **No alcoholic beverages** other than fermented malt beverages and wine containing not more than 6 percent alcohol by volume are allowed in any park except in designated areas or by special permit from the Township.

(e) **Littering Prohibited** - No person shall litter, dump, or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth or other material in any park.

(f) **Glass beverage containers** are prohibited within the town park.

(g) Refreshments or any other items shall not be sold in any town park except by **concessions agreement or permit** with the Township. No concession agreements or permits shall be issued that will conflict with existing concession agreements or permits.

(h) **Damage to Property** - No person shall in any manner mar, injure, deface, or destroy any tree, shrub, or plant standing or growing in the park, nor any fence, guidepost, sign, table, bench, building, or any other thing of value in any public park, grounds, or place, nor shall they disturb or interfere with any wildlife within the parks.

(i) **Removal of Park Equipment Prohibited** – No person shall remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park.

(j) **Begging or Soliciting** – It shall be unlawful to beg or solicit within any park or recreation area.

(k) **Sign Postings** – No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree or other natural object in any park, except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Township.

(l) **Pets** – No person shall permit any dog, cat or other pet owned by them to run at large in any town park. Pets must be on a leash no greater than 6 feet in length and must be under control of the owner at all times.

(m) **Persons Walking Animals Required to Remove Fecal Matter** – The owner or persons in charge of any animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of said animal to be deposited in any park unless such matter is immediately removed there from by said owner or person in charge.

(n) **Horses and Carriages** – No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any park except on roads or designated bridal paths, except when the approval from the Township is obtained prior.

(o) **Fires** must be contained within grills. Coals must be thoroughly extinguished and placed within a designated receptacle.

(p) **Camping** is prohibited in all parks except by special permit from the Township.

(q) **Sound Devices** - No person shall operate or play any amplifying system unless specific written authority is first obtained from the Township.

(r) **Golf/Hardball** – No person shall shoot or strike a golf ball or throw or bat a hardball in any park except that hardball may be played in areas designated for this purpose.

(s) No person shall **drive or park** any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorbike, or moped in any park except upon a park road or a designated parking area except by written permission from the Township.

(t) The operation of a **Snowmobile or ATV** is prohibited within any park.

(u) **Firearms, Fireworks, Bows and Arrows** – No person shall shoot, fire or discharge any gun or pistol, nor possess, shoot, fire or discharge any rocket, torpedo, missile, bow and arrow, crossbow, slingshot or any fireworks or explosive device of any description, within or into any park unless specific written authority is first obtained from the Township. The word "gun" shall include firearms, gas-operated guns, pellet guns or any other device which will propel projectiles.

#### **USE OF PARKS – Permits:**

(1) The municipality owned parks, park facilities and shelter areas in the Township are primarily for the nonexclusive use of residents of the town. However, under proper circumstances, exclusive use of the same may be permitted. This section is intended to regulate exclusive use of the municipality owned parks, park facilities and shelter areas in the Township for a permit for the exclusive use of the same.

(2) A person or group, firm, organization, partnership or corporation may reserve the use of a park, park facility or shelter area located in the Township by written application filed with the Town Clerk for a permit for exclusive use of the same.

(3) Applications shall be filed with the Town Clerk at least 30 days prior to the date on which the exclusive use is requested and shall set forth the following information regarding the proposed exclusive use:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.

(b) If the exclusive use is proposed for a group, firm, organization, partnership or corporation, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the same, and the responsible and authorized heads or partners of the same.

(c) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be responsible for the use of said park, area or facility.