

BOARDMAN TOWNSHIP PARKS ORDINANCE

Boardman Township Ordinance No. 03-15-17-01

An Ordinance to insure the public peace, health, and safety in the use of Boardman Township parks. Such Ordinance is authorized by MCL 41.183 (Township Ordinance Act 246 of 1945).

PARK HOURS

All parks shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the next morning, except with written consent from the Township Supervisor.

PICNIC AREA AND USE

The use of individual grills, together with tables and benches, follow generally the rule "First come, first served." Group of more than 20 may reserve a picnic area by obtaining written approval from the Township Supervisor.

DUTIES OF THE PARK PATRON

No person shall leave the picnic area before the cooking grill is completely extinguished, and all trash of the nature of boxes, paper, cans, bottles, garbage, and other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacle where provided. If no such receptacle is available, then refuse and trash shall be carried away from the park area by the park patron to be properly disposed of elsewhere.

CAMPING

Unless permission is granted by the Township Supervisor, no person shall set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave at the park after closing hours any movable structure, or special vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purposes as house trailer, camping trailer, or the like.

GAMES

No person shall take part in the playing of any games involving or otherwise propelled objects such as stones, arrow, javelins, or model airplanes except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The playing of games such as football, baseball, soccer, and softball can be played in/on the designated areas or in an area/way that does not disturb or deter other users of the park.

VEHICLES

No wheeled vehicles and or snowmobiles are permitted in the parks except in designated parking areas. Peddle bikes, baby carriages, and handicapped equipment is allowed. (MCL 41.18a(2))

Cleaning, polishing, washing, greasing, lubricating, or repairing of wheeled vehicles is prohibited.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

No person shall engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to breach the public peace. This includes fighting, verbal or obscene communications, and playing loud music. No person shall be under the influence of intoxicating beverages or a controlled substance. No person under the age of 21 shall consume beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages. (MCL 436.1915 (2)(3))

DOMESTIC ANIMALS

All dogs and other domestic animals shall be restrained at all times by an adequate leash. Owners of such animals shall be responsible to clean up any fecal matter left by their animal. No dogs or other animals are permitted on the beach or in the water.

No person shall molest, trap, hunt, injure, or kill any wild animal within the park. No person shall abandon animals or birds within the park.

EXPLOSIVES

No person shall bring in or have in his/her possession or set off or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn any fireworks, rockets or other fireworks and explosive.

BUILDING AND OTHER PARK PROPERTY

No person shall willingly mark, deface, tamper with the buildings, bridges, tables, benches, grills, outhouses, or fail to cooperate in maintaining outhouses in a neat and sanitary condition.

POLLUTION OF WATER

No person shall put any type of waste or toxic materials in any lake or river that could result in polluting that said water.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS

No person shall illegally use, carry or possess a firearm, air rifle, bow and arrow, sling shot, or any form of weapons dangerous to wildlife or human safety.

PENALTIES

a. Violating the Parks Ordinance rules is a civil infraction.

b. Penalty. Any person who shall violate this Ordinance shall be responsible for a civil infraction, subject to the following penalties:

1. Fines. The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a civil infraction:

a. First offense. The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in the amount of \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

b. Repeat offense. The civil fine of any offense which is a repeat offense shall be in an amount of \$1,000.00, plus costs and other sanctions for each offense.

2. Enforcement. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the judge or magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation.

3 Continuing Offense. Each act of violation, and on each day upon which any such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense.

4. Damages. The judge or magistrate shall be authorized to impose costs, damages and expenses as provided by law.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication and as required by law. (MCL 41.181-NC 41,186