

Chapter 16

Parks and Recreation

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Part 1**Rules and Regulations****§16-101. Definitions.**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

Park or *parks* - unless specifically limited, shall be deemed to include all parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, recreation structures and facilities, and also entrances and approaches thereto, and all other land or properly or structures under the jurisdiction of Dover Township, now or hereafter owned or acquired by the Township for park or recreational purposes.

Person - any natural person, corporation, organization of persons, company, association or partnership.

Roller vehicle - a roller vehicle shall be considered any skateboard, street skates, roller skates, scooters and/or coasters.

Rules and regulations - any rules and regulations hereby or hereafter promulgated by Dover Township under the authority herein conferred.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §1)

§16-102. Park Hours.

All parks shall be opened daily to the public at such hours as the Township may from time to time designate, but in no event shall any person be permitted to be in attendance in any park between dusk and sunrise; unless special permission is granted by the Township.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §2)

§16-103. Prohibited Conduct.

No person in attendance at a park shall:

A. Injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, shrubs, turf, buildings, structures, signs, fixtures, or any other property of the Township located within the park.

B. Litter any area of the park with garbage, paper, bottles, cans or other waste material; nor dispose of the same in any way except in receptacles designated for such purpose.

C. Kindle or maintain any fire in the park except in fireplaces or areas specially designated for that purpose and located by authority of the Township.

D. Remove any bench, seat, table or other appliance without permission of the Township.

E. Injure, deface, destroy or remove any notice, rule or regulation posted at any place within the park by authority of the Township; nor shall any notice or placard be posted within the park other than by authority of the Township.

F. Set up any booth, table or stand for the sale of any article or service

whatsoever within the limits of the park without permission of the Township; distribute, sell, service or rent any services or commodity or solicit for any purpose without permission of the Township.

G. Operate, stop or park any vehicle, bicycle or other means of conveyance except in areas where permitted or designated by proper authority of the Township, or to operate the same in a reckless or negligent manner or in excess of any posted speed limit or in such a manner as to become a nuisance to other area users.

H. Operate commercial vehicles, unless providing authorized services.

I. Operate a roller vehicle within park boundaries unless specific permission of the Township. Should permission be granted, persons operating any roller vehicle shall do so in a safe and responsible manner and shall always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

J. Bring on to the premises, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs of any kind; no person shall enter the park in an intoxicated state or otherwise be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

K. Carry or discharge any firearms, slingshots, firecrackers, fireworks or other missile propelling instruments or explosives or arrows, or other dangerous weapons which have such properties as to cause annoyance or injury to any person or properties, unless permission has been granted by the Township in designated areas; police officers in the performance of their duties will be exempt from these provisions.

L. Play ball, swim, golf, pitch horse shoes, engage in archery, camp or launch, dock or land any boat, engage in finding buried objects with special detectors, or participate in any other form of recreation, sporting endeavor or pastime, except in those areas which may be designated from time to time for that purpose by the Township.

M. Disrobe or change clothing except in buildings or facilities made available for that purpose.

N. Disturb the peace by any conduct so as to annoy any other person using the park for recreation purposes.

O. Operate a snowmobile, minibike, motorcycle, or any vehicle, recreational or otherwise.

P. Use threatening, abusive, insulting, profane or obscene language or words.

Q. Commit any disorderly, illegal, or immoral acts.

R. Hold any public meeting or rally with more than five persons or engage in any marching or driving as members of a military, political or other organization without permission of the Township, which requires a statement of information, including the name of the organization, its purpose, number of persons expected to be invited, expected duration and name(s) or person(s) in charge.

S. Disobey a proper order of a police officer or Township representative, or disobey or disregard or fail to comply with any rule or regulation, warning, prohibition, instruction or direction given by an authorized person and posted or displayed by sign, notice, bulletin, card, poster, or when notified or informed as to

its existence by the Township or an authorized person.

T. Hunt for, capture or kill, or attempt to capture or kill, or aid or assist in the capturing or killing of, in any manner, any wild bird or wild animal of any description, either game or otherwise, and to that end, it is unlawful for any person to carry on to or possess in any park, a shotgun or rifle or pistol or firearm of any make or kind unless specific permission is granted for a designated area by authority of the Township. Police officers in the performance of their duties are exempt from this provision.

U. Allow pets to run at large.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §3)

§16-104. Reservation for Specific Uses.

The use of all parks shall be on a first come, first served basis unless otherwise reserved:

A. By annual permission granted by the Township for the scheduling of various league games, etc.

B. For regularly scheduled municipal recreation programs.

C. By permission granted by the Township for a specific requested use.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §4)

§16-105. Authorization to Promulgate Additional Rules.

The Township is authorized to establish additional rules and regulations as deemed necessary and with approval of the Board of Supervisors.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §5)

§16-106. Authority to Close Areas.

Township facilities which become hazardous for public use due to weather, water, fire or unforeseeable conditions may be closed only at the discretion of the NYCPD, Fire Chief or Township Manager or his designate.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §6; as amended by Ord. 2005-08, 10/24/2005)

§16-107. Enforcement.

The police officers of Northern York County Regional Police are charged with enforcement of the provisions of this Part and of rules and regulations promulgated by the Township.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §7)

§16-108. Animal Defecation.

1. *Animal Defecation on Public and Private Property Restricted.* No person, having possession, custody or control of any animal shall knowingly or negligently permit any dog or other animal to commit any nuisance, i.e., defecation or urination, upon the grounds of any public park or public area.

2. *Disposal of Animal Feces.* Any person having possession, custody or control of any dog or other animal which commits a nuisance, i.e., defecation or urination as

prohibited in subsection .1, shall be required to immediately remove any feces from such surface and either:

A. Carry same away for disposal in a toilet.

B. Place same in a nonleaking container for deposit in a trash or litter receptacle.

3. *Dogs Accompanying Blind or Handicapped Persons Exempted.* The provisions of subsections .1 and .2 hereof shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind persons, or to a dog used to assist any other physically handicapped person.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----; as added by Ord. 2005-08, 10/24/2005)

§16-109. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall be liable upon summary conviction thereof, to fines and penalties of \$20 plus all costs of prosecution for a first offense, \$50 for a second offense plus all costs of prosecution and not less than \$100 but not more than \$1,000 plus all costs of prosecution for a third or subsequent offense, or to a term of imprisonment for the failure to pay a fine pursuant to the Pa. Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(Ord. 2003-07, -/-/----, §8; as amended by Ord. 2005-08, 10/24/2005)