

CHAPTER 16

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PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

§16-101. Definitions.

PARK or PARKS — unless specifically limited, shall be deemed to include all parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, tennis courts, beaches, recreation structures and facilities, and also entrances and approaches thereto and all other land or property or structures under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors, now or hereafter owned or acquired by East Rockhill Township for park or recreational purposes.

PERSON — any natural person, corporation, organization of persons, company, association or partnership.

RULES AND REGULATIONS — any rules and regulations hereby or hereafter promulgated by the Board of Supervisors under the authority herein conferred.

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §1)

§16-102. Park Hours.

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

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §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 or fixtures or any other property of East Rockhill 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. Additionally, no dumping of lawn debris, grass clippings, tree stumps or other vegetation is permitted.

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- 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 Board of Supervisors.
- D. Remove any bench, seat, table or other appliance without permission of the Board of Supervisors.
- E. Injure, deface, destroy or remove any notice, rule or regulation posted at any place within the park by authority of the Board of Supervisors, nor shall any notice or placard be posted within the park other than by authority of said Board.
- 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 Board of Supervisors; distribute, sell, service or rent any services or commodity or solicit for any purpose without permission of the Board of Supervisors.
- G. Operate, stop or park any vehicle, except in areas where permitted or designated by proper authority of the Board of Supervisors, or 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. Bring onto the premises, possess or consume:
 - (1) Any drug or narcotic of any kind or otherwise be under the influence of illegal drugs and narcotics.
 - (2) Any alcoholic beverage or otherwise be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, except that permits for the consumption of alcoholic beverages may be granted by the Board of Supervisors for special events in accordance with application requirements set forth by separate resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- J. Carry or discharge any slingshots, firecrackers, fireworks, or other missile-propelling instruments, or explosives, or arrows or other similar dangerous weapons which have such properties as to cause annoyance or injury to any person or property, unless permission has been granted by the Board of Supervisors in designated areas.
- K. Operate a snowmobile, minibike, motorcycle or any vehicle, recreational or otherwise, except on designated roads, trails or areas set aside for their use, or conduct horseback riding in the park, except on designated riding trails or areas set aside for such use.
- L. 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 organi-

zation without permission of the Board of Supervisors, 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) of person(s) in charge.

- M. Disobey a proper order of a police officer or Board of Supervisors member, or disobey, or disregard or fail to comply with any rules or regulations, 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 Board of Supervisors or an authorized person.
- N. Hunt for, capture, 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, whether game or otherwise; and to that end, it is unlawful for any person to carry onto or possess in any park a shotgun, rifle, pistol or firearm of any make or kind unless specific permission is granted for a designated area by authority of the Board of Supervisors.
- O. Allow any dog to be off a secured leash or allow other pets to run at large out of the control of their owners. All dogs must be attached and secured to a leash within the control of their owners at all times.
- P. Disturb the peace by any conduct so as to annoy any other person using the park for recreational purposes.
- Q. Use threatening, abusive, insulting, profane or obscene language or words.
- R. Commit any disorderly or immoral act.
- S. The possession or use of any type of firearms is prohibited where such possession or use is in violation of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa.C.S.A. §6101 et seq.

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §3; as amended by Ord. 255, 8/24/2010; and by Ord. 269, 4/16/2013)

§16-104. Fishing.

All laws pertaining to fishing in the commonwealth shall apply to fishing in parks and recreation areas, and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated by reference.

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §4)

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§16-105. 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 Board of Supervisors for the scheduling of various league games, etc.
- B. For school or college athletic games, practices, contests or exhibitions.
- C. For regularly scheduled school district or municipal recreation programs.
- D. By permission granted by the Board of Supervisors for a specific requested use.

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §5)

§16-106. Authorization to Promulgate Additional Rules.

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

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §6)

§16-107. Authority to Close Areas.

Recreation facilities which become hazardous for public use due to weather, water, fire or unforeseeable conditions may be closed only at the discretion of East Rockhill Township.

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §7)

§16-108. Enforcement.

The police officers of the Pennridge Regional Police Department or of East Rockhill Township are charged with enforcement of the provisions of this Part and of rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Supervisors.

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §8)

§16-109. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a District Justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each

day that a violation of this Part continues or each section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 151, 6/15/1993, §9; as amended by Ord. 192, 4/18/2000)