

TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY
ORDINANCE No. 10132022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE REGULATING THE
MCHENRY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY, MCHENRY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of the Township of McHenry, McHenry County, Illinois as follows:

WHEREAS, McHenry Township has constructed a Township park, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of McHenry Township feel it is in the best interest of the Township to establish certain rules and regulations regarding said park, and

WHEREAS, after due deliberations, the following rules and regulations have determined to be in the best interests of the Township and all of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the supervisor and Board of Trustees of McHenry Township as follows:

SECTION 1: PROTECTION OF PARK PROPERTY.

- A. Damaging. No person in a park in the Township shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or, remove any building, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, waterlines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
- B. Rest Rooms and Washrooms-No person shall urinate or defecate on Township property except in a toilet or urinal in a designated restroom, outhouse or other temporary sanitary facility such as a porta-potty. No person in a park shall fail to cooperate in maintaining rest rooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. Children should not be left unattended by their parents or guardian.
- C. Sanitation. No person in a park shall throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.
- D. Refuse. No person shall bring in, have brought in to a park, or dump, deposit or leave in a park any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or refuse, or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacle where these are provided; where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried

away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

SECTION 2: OPERATING POLICY.

- A. Hours. The Township parks shall be open daily to the public during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm of any day; and it shall be unlawful for any person other than Township personnel conducting Township business therein to occupy or be present in the park during any hours in which the park is not open to the public, except as amended by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees upon issuing an application as prescribed in Sub-section B below.

Any section, or part of the park, may be declared closed to the public by the Supervisor or the Board of Trustees at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals.

- B. Group Activity. Whenever any group, association or organization desires to use a particular area of the park facilities, a representative of the group, association or, organization shall first obtain a permit from the Supervisor or designated agent for such purpose. The Supervisor and Board of Trustees may adopt an application form to be used by the Supervisor or designated agent for such situations.

The Supervisor or designated agent shall grant the application if it appears that the group, association, or organization will not interfere with the general use of the park by the individual members of the public and if the group, association or organization meets all other conditions contained in the application. The application may contain a requirement for an indemnity bond to protect the Township from any liability of any kind or character and to protect Township property from damage.

The group, association or organization shall deposit with the Supervisor a fifty (\$50.00) Dollar Maintenance Deposit to assure the park is left in a clean and tidy manner after the Group Activity for which the Permit is being requested. If the Supervisor or his designated agent determines the park is in a clean and tidy manner after said activity, the fifty (\$50.00) Dollars shall be refunded. However, if it is determined by the Supervisor or his designated agent that the park is not clean and tidy, the fifty (\$50.00) Dollars will be forfeited and used to offset the costs of cleaning the park.

SECTION 3: USE OF PARK AREAS.

- A. Regulated. No person in a park shall picnic or lunch in a place other than those designated for that purpose. Attendants shall have the authority to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end.

SECTION 4: LIQUOR PERMIT

No person, group, association or organization may serve or offer any alcoholic beverage for consumption in the park without first obtaining a Liquor Permit. To obtain a Liquor Permit, said person, group, association or organization shall:

1. Obtain a Permit under section 2B of this Ordinance.
2. Obtain a "Special Permit" Liquor License from the Village of Johnsburg. Johnsburg, IL 60050.
3. Obtain an Insurance Policy (Host Liquor Liability) naming McHenry Township and its officers as additional insured in the sum of not less than \$300,000.00 combined single-limit.

SECTION 5: PETS

Dogs are permitted in McHenry Township Parks when kept on a physical leash or tether held by the dog(s) owner or handler ("dog owner") at all times. Dogs are not allowed within playground borders or areas as otherwise marked. Dog Owners are responsible for any injury or damage to other dogs or the public caused by their dog. Bringing a dog to the township park is at the Dog Owner's own risk and the Dog Owner assumes any and all responsibility for their dog. All other animals are prohibited.

Dog owners must follow the following Township Park rules with regard to dogs:

1. Dogs must be at least four months old to visit the township park and must have a current rabies vaccination number and tag. If your dog's vaccination is not current, which is required by state law, contact your vet. Consult with your vet regarding other recommended vaccinations or preventives. Dogs that are ill are not allowed in the Township Park.
2. The maximum length of a leash or tether is six feet (6').
3. Must remain on-site with their dog and closely supervise their dog at all times. The Dog Owner is solely responsible for controlling their dog. Must maintain voice control of their dog.
4. Dog Owner is responsible for any injury or damage to other dogs or the public caused by their dog. Bringing a dog to the township park is at the Dog Owners own risk and the Dog Owner assumes any and all responsibility for their dog.
5. Must immediately pick up after your dog and do your part to keep the park clean and sanitary. Failure to pick up after your dog could result in a \$100 fine. Trash cans are available.
6. Dog Owner may have a handler who is a person the age 16 or older and must be present at all times and is solely responsible for the actions of the dog(s).
7. Never leave dogs in the park unattended.

8. Aggressive dogs are not allowed. Dogs with a known history of, or who exhibit aggressive or dangerous behavior are prohibited. Park if aggressive behavior is observed you will be asked to leave the Township Park.
9. Fill any holes your dog may dig.
10. Excessive barking is prohibited. Dogs that are barking excessively must be removed immediately.
11. Dogs shall not interfere in any other activity taking place at the McHenry Township (ie. Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Football, Sledding, and Picnicking).
12. No food of any kind, including dog chews and/or rawhides, are allowed in the township park. Water is allowed and the responsibility of the dog owner.
13. Toys of any kind are discouraged in the park. Toys may lead to aggressive behavior between dogs.

The McHenry Township Supervisor or staff member has the authority to close the Township Park to dogs due to site for maintenance, weather related problems, and special events without prior notice.

In case of emergency (dog bite or unsafe behavior) immediately call 911 for assistance. All other issues please call the Township at 815-814-5619

SECTION 6: NO ALCOHOL IN PARK

No person shall consume alcohol in the park at any time without first obtaining a Liquor Permit under Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: WILDLIFE

No person shall hunt, molest, harm frighten or tease any wild animal in the park. No person shall remove or have in his or her possession the young of any wild animal, or the eggs or nest of any wild animal found in the park.

SECTION 8: CAMPING

No overnight camping of any type is permitted in the park.

SECTION 9: HORSEBACK RIDING

No person shall ride a horse in the park at any time.

SECTION 10: WEAPONS AND FIREARMS

A. No person shall have in his possession, while in the park, Firearms or Weapons of any description including but not limited to Firearms as defined by the

Illinois Revised Statutes, air rifles, spring guns, bow and arrows, sling shots or any other form of weapon potentially harmful to wildlife or to human safety; and

B. No person shall have in his possession, while in the park, any device designed to shoot blanks or any kind of trapping device; and

C. No person shall discharge any firearms or weapons into the park for an area outside the park; and

D. No person shall discharge any firearm or weapon while in the park;

SECTION 11: FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES

A. No person shall have in his or her possession, while in the Park, any fireworks or explosives.

B. No person shall ignite or otherwise cause to explode or discharge any fireworks or explosives.

SECTION 12: ADVERTISING AND SIGNS

A. Advertising. No person in a park shall announce, advertise, or call the public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire.

B. Signs. No person shall paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, place card, advertisement, or inscription whatever, nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park, except as approved by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees.

SECTION 13: NO SWIMMING

No person shall swim or wade in any stream, creek, lake, or pond located in the Township Park.

SECTION 14: TREES AND VEGETATION

No person shall disturb the trees and vegetation located in the Township park unless authorized to do so by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of the Township and then only under the supervision of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees.

SECTION 15: ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS

The McHenry Township Park will be monitored and inspected by McHenry Township employees along with local and county Police officers as needed where the case may be.

SECTION 16: STATE LAWS

All State Statutes shall be enforced, when applicable, on all areas of the McHenry Township Park.

SECTION 17: PENALTIES

Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined not less than Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. For each offense. The violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance to be abated in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18:

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue to full force and effect.

SECTION 19:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 20:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form (which publication is hereby authorized) and as otherwise provided by law.

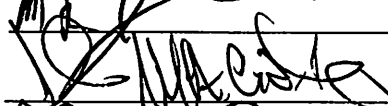
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Michelle Bindenagel – Trustee



Mark Jaeger – Trustee



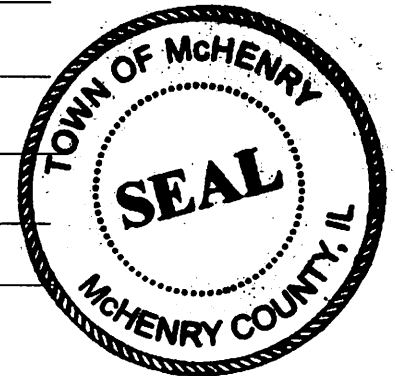
John Macrito – Trustee

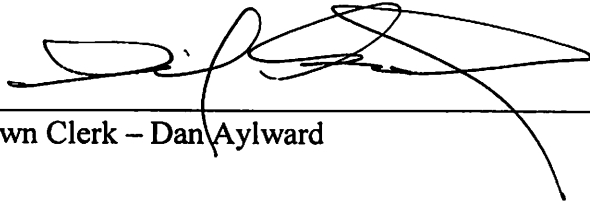


Adam Shaver – Trustee



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Attest by: Town Clerk – Dan Aylward

