



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the preservation of good order and to ensure the protection of the natural resources of Springfield Township Parks, this Code of Rules and Regulations have been established. Springfield Township is committed to the service of all park visitors so that an enjoyable, safe, and pleasant park experience is possible. The Springfield Township Police Department and the Volunteer Auxiliary Springfield Police patrol the parks and are present to provide information and assistance to park visitors and to achieve resource protection, visitor safety, and security. Your cooperation in following the rules and regulations benefits all park visitors. Contact the Springfield Township Police Department should assistance be required while visiting the parks at 330-784-1609 or, if there is an emergency, call 911 and inform the dispatcher of your name, location, and type of emergency.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Title.

This Code shall be known and may be cited as the Springfield Township Parks Rules and Regulations (Code.)

Purpose.

The purpose of this Code is:

- (a) To provide quality park facilities and leisure opportunities to the citizens of Springfield Township; and
- (b) To prescribe rules, regulations and enforcement procedures for public safety and awareness, to conserve park resources, to emphasize the highest standards for services and programs, and to ensure that the future recreational needs of Springfield Township citizens are addressed.

Authority.

This Code is adopted pursuant to the authority provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 511.23 as stated below and any amendments thereto, if any.

O.R.C. §511.23, Powers and duties of park board.

(F) The board may adopt bylaws and rules that it considers advisable for the following purposes:

- (1) To prohibit selling, giving away, or using any intoxicating liquors in the park or parks;
- (2) For the government and control of the park or parks and the operation of motor vehicles in the park or parks;
- (3) To provide for the protection and preservation of all property and natural life within its jurisdiction.

Before the bylaws and rules take effect, the board shall provide for a notice of their adoption to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county within which the park district is located.

No person shall violate any of the bylaws or rules. Fines levied and collected for violations shall be paid into the treasury of the township park district. The Township Trustees may use moneys collected from those fines for any purpose that is not inconsistent with Sections 511.18 to 511.37 of the Revised Code.

Scope.

This Code shall be applicable to all Springfield Township Park lands and facilities (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Facilities") that are under the jurisdiction of the Springfield Township Trustees, under the direction of the Springfield Township Board of Trustees (hereinafter "District") and to all persons who enter upon such Facilities. The Facilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Lakefront Park*
- Lower Park*
- Dotson JEDD Park*
- Dallas Fraley Park*
- Lauer Park*

This code shall also be applicable to all Facilities acquired by the Springfield Township Park District after the date of publication of this Code and, further, the Facilities need not be named within the Code in order for the Code to be enforceable in the Facilities.

Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection of this Code shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, repeal or invalidate the remainder of the provision or any other section or subsection, and shall be confined to the specific clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection which was found invalid.

Disclaimer of Liability.

- (a) This Code shall not be construed nor interpreted as imposing upon Springfield Township, the District, or any of their officials, officers, agents, or employees.
 - (1) Any liability or responsibility for damages to any property; or

- (2) Any liability or responsibility for any personal injury.
- (b) In addition, neither the Trustees nor any individual duly authorized to enforce this Code, who acts in good faith and without malice in the performance of official duties shall assume or have imposed upon them any personal liability, and they are hereby relieved from personal liability for damage that may occur to any person or property as a result of any act required by this Code in the discharge of official duties.

Amendments and Additions.

This Code may be supplemented, or its provisions may be amended by resolution duly adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees, and any such amendments or additions shall be incorporated within as a part of this Code.

Effective Date.

This Code shall become effective upon publication in the official county newspaper, and upon its posting in all District Facilities, following its adoption by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees and publication of a notice of their adoption to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county within which the park district is located.

DEFINITIONS

“Board” means the Parks Board of Springfield Township.

“Trustees” means the Springfield Township Board of Trustees.

“Motor Vehicle” means any vehicle that is propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.

“Park” means any park, parkway, reservation, or land owned, supervised, or controlled by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees.

“Person” includes any individual, company, partnership, corporation, association, club, firm, society, or any combination of individuals, or any employee, agent, or officer thereof.

“Quiet Use” means that, noise is limited to sounds that can be heard from a distance of 100 feet.

“Rules and Regulations” means the Rules and Regulations of Springfield Township Parks.

“Vehicle” or “Vehicular” means everything on wheels or runners.

“Watercraft” means anything used or capable of being used for transportation on the water.

“Waters” means any lake, pond, river, reservoir, stream, channel, lagoon, or other body of water, whether natural or artificial, located in or adjoining land owned or controlled by the Springfield Township Trustees.

SECTION 1. ENFORCEMENT

1.1 Failure to Obey: No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any reasonable order relating to these Rules and Regulations or any other order lawfully given by a Police Officer or Volunteer Auxiliary Springfield Police, or willfully resist, obstruct, or abuse any officer or other official in the execution of their office.

1.2 Interfering with Park Functions: No person shall threaten, resist, intimidate, or intentionally interfere with an employee or authorized agent of Springfield Township engaged in an official duty, or on account of the performance of an official duty. Nor shall any person purposefully prevent, obstruct, delay, hamper, or impede the performance of any official business of Springfield Township in violation of Section 2921.31 of the Ohio Revised Code.

1.3 Ejection from Park: Springfield Township Police Officers may order any person violating any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations to leave the Park and no person shall fail to obey such a lawful order.

1.4 Loss of Park Privileges: Any person repeatedly violating these Rules and Regulations may lose the privilege of entering the Park for a reasonable period of time as designated by the Trustees.

1.5 Fines: Whoever violates these Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 511.23 of the Ohio Revised Code, shall be subject to such fines that are legally and reasonably established by the Trustees. Pursuant to Section 1545.99 of the Ohio Revised Code, such fines may not exceed one hundred dollars for a first offense and may not exceed five hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

1.6 Prosecution: Persons who violate any federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance by acts committed in or against the Park will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

SECTION 2. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL FEATURES

2.1 Destruction of Park Property: No person shall knowingly injure, deface, disturb, or destroy any part of the Park, including but not limited to any tree, flower, shrub, rock, building, sign, equipment or any other property found therein.

2.2 Removal of Natural Features: No person shall collect, remove, or otherwise disturb any part of the Park, including but not limited to any tree, flower, shrub, rock, soil, sand, gravel, mineral, or fossil. Persons seeking to collect materials, other than fallen leaves, for educational or research purposes must submit a written application for a permit to the Trustees.

2.3 Introduction of Natural Features: No person shall bring, leave, or plant within the Park any tree, flower, shrub, plant, rock, soil, sand, gravel, mineral, or fossil without first obtaining written permission from the Trustees.

2.4 Barricades, Signs, and Warning Lights: No person shall destroy, remove, damage or extinguish any barricade, sign, or warning light that has been placed in the Park by employees or other authorized representatives of Springfield Township for the protection of the public.

SECTION 3. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

3.1 Garbage and Debris: No person, without obtaining a written permit from the Trustees, shall leave behind, or dump in any part of the Park, garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, waste, earth, or debris of any kind, other than such materials which are used in or result from a picnic, or other permitted activity and which are deposited in such places and within such receptacles as are provided for such purposes. Nor shall any person bring hazardous or noxious materials into the Park.

3.2 Preservation of Park Waters: No person shall place or permit to be placed in any river, brook, stream, ditch, or drain that flows into or through the Park, any hazardous or noxious materials which may render Park waters harmful or detrimental to the public health or to animal, vegetative, or aquatic life, or which may prevent, limit, or interfere with the use of such waters for domestic, industrial, or agricultural purposes, or which may unreasonably lessen the use and enjoyment of such waters for recreational or other Park uses.

SECTION 4. HUNTING, FISHING AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE

4.1 Hunting: No person shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal within the Park, unless authorized by a written permit granted by the Trustees to do so for wildlife management or other lawful purposes, and provided that such activity is done in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and wildlife orders then in effect.

4.2 Bird Nests and Eggs: No person shall knowingly injure any bird nest or remove or injure any bird egg within the Park, unless authorized by a written permit granted by the Trustees to do so for wildlife management or other lawful purposes, and provided that such activity is done in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and wildlife orders then in effect.

4.3 Fishing: Fishing is not permitted in Park waters, except in areas and in manners posted otherwise, or under the authority of a written permit granted by the Trustees. No person may fish in Park waters without first obtaining a valid license issued by the State of Ohio pursuant to Section 1533.32 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Nor may any person fish in Park waters in a manner or at a time prohibited by Chapter 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code as it is now in effect or is hereafter amended. The use of traps, spears, gigs, bows, arrows, or unattended hooks for fishing is prohibited.

4.4 Feeding of Animals: No person, except employees or other authorized representatives of Springfield Township Parks shall feed, place or distribute feed materials within the Park without first obtaining a written permit from the Trustees. The term “feed materials” shall include, but is not limited to: bread, table scraps, crackers, manufactured pet or wildlife foods, grains and seeds.

SECTION 5. FIRES

5.1 Starting Fires: No person shall start a fire in the Park, except small charcoal fires for culinary purposes in grills provided by the Park and in such other places provided by the Park for those purposes, or if authorized to do so by a written permit issued by the Trustees for resource management or other lawful purposes. Small charcoal fires for culinary purposes may be prohibited for limited periods of time at any Park location or for any purpose when deemed necessary for the protection of the Park, Park visitors, or employees of Springfield Township Parks.

5.2 Putting Out Fires: All fires shall be put out by the person starting or using the fire before said person leaves the immediate vicinity of the fire. No person shall dump hot charcoal, ashes, or fire onto any grass or plants, or in the water.

SECTION 6.WEAPONS, FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS

6.1 Weapons and Firearms: No person except Springfield Township Police Officers shall possess, carry, control, discharge, use, brandish, convey, or attempt to convey firearms of any description, deadly weapons, dangerous ordinances, explosive substances, or replica weapons in the Park without first obtaining a written permit from the Trustees, unless otherwise authorized by law. The term “weapons” shall include, but is not limited to: firearms; compressed gas or spring-powered pistols or rifles; air rifles; bows and arrows; crossbows; paintball markers; blowguns; spear guns; spears; edged weapons; swords; darts; sling-shots; irritant gas devices; explosive devices; any other implement designed to discharge missiles; and any other weapon, the possession of which is prohibited under the laws of the State of Ohio. The term “replica weapons” shall include any device that might reasonably be perceived to be a real weapon.

6.2 Fireworks: No person shall possess or discharge fireworks on the lands or waters of the Park without first obtaining a written permit from the Trustees and a valid fireworks exhibitor license from the State of Ohio. Persons so authorized to possess or discharge fireworks on the lands or waters of the Park must act in accordance with Sections 3743.50 to 3743.55 of the Ohio Revised Code. The term “fireworks” shall include all devices and substances subject to Chapter 3743 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7. CAMPING

7.1 Camps and Temporary Lodging Places: No person shall establish or maintain any tent, camp, or other temporary lodging place in the Park without obtaining a written permit from the Trustees.

SECTION 8. PERSONAL CONDUCT

8.1 Disorderly Conduct: No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another within the Park by doing any of the following:

- (a) engaging in fighting, in threatening harm to persons or property, or in violent or turbulent behavior;
- (b) making unreasonable noise or an offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person; circumstances in which that conduct is likely to provoke a violent response;
- (d) hindering or preventing the movement of persons on a parkway, public street, road, highway, or right-of-way, or to, from, within, or upon public or private property, so as to interfere with the rights of others, and by any act that serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender;
- (e) creating a condition that is physically offensive to persons or that presents a risk of physical harm to persons or property, by any act that serves no lawful and reasonable purpose to the offender;
- (f) engaging in any active game endangering other persons in the Park;
- (g) committing any act that is defined as disorderly conduct by Section 2917.11 of the Ohio Revised Code or any amendment thereto.

8.2 Audio Disturbances: Except in connection with a public assembly or event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to Sections 11 and 16 of these Rules and Regulations, no person shall operate or play an audio device in the Park, including without limitation radios, televisions, musical instruments, amplifiers, or public address

systems, in a manner:

- (a) that can be heard from a distance of 100 feet away from the audio device; or, if below that level, nevertheless;
- (b) that makes noise which is unreasonable, considering the nature and purpose of the person's conduct, location, time of day or night, purpose for which the area was established, impact on Park users, and other factors that would govern the conduct of a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances.

8.3 Beer and Intoxicating Liquor: No person shall bring into, have, keep, carry, serve or drink beer or any other intoxicating liquor within the Park. Nor shall any person be drunk or under the influence of beer or any other intoxicating liquor within the Park. The terms beer and intoxicating liquor shall be defined as contained in Section 3743.50 of the Ohio Revised Code.

8.4 Controlled Substances: No person shall bring into, have, keep, carry, distribute, use, or be under the influence of any type of narcotic drug, opiate, hallucinogen, controlled substance, marijuana, or harmful intoxicant as defined in Chapters 2925 and 3719 of the Ohio Revised Code, nor possess, use, or distribute any instrument or equipment that is customarily or primarily used for administering such drugs or substances, within the Park, except as otherwise provided in Sections 2925.11 and 2925.12 of the Ohio Revised Code or any amendment thereto.

8.5 Gambling: No person shall solicit or procure participants for, engage in, or promote any game of chance within the Park which is played for money or other thing of value.

8.6 Restroom Facilities: No person shall enter a toilet room set apart for the opposite sex, except Springfield Township Police and other employees of the Park, and children of tender age accompanied by a supervising adult of the posted sex. Nor shall any person possess or use any audio or video device in any restroom facility.

8.7 Public Indecency and Nudity: Persons appearing on Park lands, waters, beaches, or facilities managed and/or controlled by Springfield Township Parks shall not intentionally or recklessly do any of the following under circumstances in which his or her conduct is likely to be viewed by and affront others, not members of his or her household:

- a) Appear in a state of nudity or expose his or her private parts;
- (b) Engage in any actual sexual conduct, as defined by Section 2907.01 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (c) Violate any Ohio Revised Code provisions related to nudity and/or public indecency including, but not limited to Sections 2907.01 (H), 2907.07, and 2907.09 of the Ohio Revised Code or any amendment thereto.

SECTION 9. VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

9.1 Speed: No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than twenty-five (25) miles per hour within the Park.

9.2 Reckless Operation of Vehicles: No person shall operate any vehicle within the Park in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property, including, but not limited to peeling out or squealing of tires.

9.3 Commercial Vehicles: No person shall drive, propel, or park, or cause to be driven, propelled, or parked within the Park, any vehicle weighing more than 6,000 pounds. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to school buses and emergency vehicles.

9.4 Parking Limited to Designated Areas: No person shall park any motor vehicle within the Park, except in places designated for such purpose.

9.5 Trailer Parking: Parking of any trailer, unattached or attached to a motor vehicle, shall be in designated areas only.

9.6 Parking Hours: No person shall park any motor vehicle within the Park, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., with the exception of quiet use of the lakefront for night fishing.

9.7 Lights on Vehicles: The laws of the State of Ohio relating to lights on vehicles shall apply to all vehicles within the Park.

9.8 Travel Limited to Designated Areas: No portion of the Park shall be used for purpose of vehicular traffic, except drives, roadways, walks and trails designated for such purpose. Trails established for pedestrian or bicycle travel, and bridle trails established for horseback riders shall not be used for vehicular travel. Nor shall vehicles be driven on any Park drive, roadway, walk, or trail that has been temporarily or permanently closed by the posting of signs or placement of barricades.

9.9 All-Terrain, Snowmobiles, and All-Purpose Vehicles: No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, any all-terrain vehicle, snowmobiles, or other all-purpose vehicle (as defined by Section 4519.01 of the Ohio Revised Code), within the park.

9.10 Bicycles: No person shall operate a bicycle except on paved roads, or in areas or on trails designated for such purpose. Nor shall any person operate a bicycle in a reckless manner so as to endanger the operator or any other person or any property. Bicycle operators shall comply with the requirements of all sections of the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to motor vehicles, operators, and bicycles while using Park roads.

9.11 Applicability of Ohio Traffic Laws: All motor vehicles and operators of motor vehicles within the Park shall comply with each and every requirement of the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to motor vehicles, vehicular traffic, operators of motor vehicles, and licensing.

SECTION 10. PEDESTRIAN AND OTHER TRAFFIC

10.1 Pedestrian Travel Limited to Designated Areas: No person shall walk, run, or hike in areas of the Park that are not designated for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Persons seeking access to off-trail environments for educational, research, or any other purpose must submit a written application for a permit to the Trustees. This section shall not apply to mowed areas of the Park with grass less than 8 inches in length.

10.2 Horses: No person shall ride any horse in such a manner as to endanger the rider, horse, or any other person or property. Horseback riders shall yield right-of-way to pedestrians and motorists in the Park where bridle trails intersect with foot trails, roads, drives, and parkways.

10.3 Swimming and Watercraft: No person shall swim, bathe, or use personally owned watercraft in any Park waters except in areas and at times designated by the Trustees.

- Exhaust muffled or underwater.
- No reckless and/or negligent operation.

A. Springfield Lake Boating Rules:

1. All fishing and boating, activities on, at, or around Springfield Lake will be done at the participant's own risk.
2. Park beaches are CLOSED and swimming is not permitted except on private property or from watercraft.
3. No person shall operate a boat recklessly or at an excessive speed so as to endanger the life, safety, or property of any person and all persons using the lake shall have due regard for the presence of other boats, persons, or objects in or around Springfield Lake.
4. No diving, swimming, tubes, rafts, or other floatation devices are permitted in dock areas.
5. No docking of boats at fishing pier.

B. Per Ohio Administrative Code 1501:47-7-10:

1. No person shall operate or permit to be operated any watercraft powered by a motor or combination of motors with a total horsepower of more than 250 horsepower.
2. No person shall operate a watercraft at a speed greater than idle or no-wake speed between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
3. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. no watercraft shall anchor, idle, or stop in the designated speed and ski zone except to retrieve a fallen skier.
4. Watercraft operating in the designated speed and ski zone shall travel in a counter-clockwise direction with the shoreline on the starboard (right) side of the vessel.
5. Swimming from the watercraft shall be permitted only in designated no-wake zones. Hydroplanes, airboats, airfoils, tunnel hulls, drag hulls, wing-in-ground craft, hovercraft and submersible watercraft are prohibited.
6. All other State rules apply as well.

- C. Waterskiing** (defined as being towed behind a vessel in any manner): Permitted daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at speeds from 8-35 MPH. must adhere to all posted rules and regulations for waterskiing.

Springfield Lake is hereby designated as a "limited use" water facility and may, with the cooperation of both Lakemore Village and Springfield Township governments be closed to public use for special events.

FINES: MINOR MISDEMEANOR MAXIMUM - \$100.00
THIRD DEGREE MISDEMEANOR MAXIMUM JAIL TIME - 60 DAYS
MAXIMUM FINE - \$500.00

Reference: ODNR Ohio Boat Operator's Guide @www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft
Ohio Administrative Code 1501:47-7-10 & Trustees Resolution 189-06

10.4 Aircraft: No person shall operate or use aircraft on lands or waters within the Park, nor deliver or retrieve a person or object in the Park by parachute, paraglider, helicopter, or other

airborne means without first obtaining a written permit from the Trustees. Nor shall any person intentionally operate or use aircraft in the Park in a manner which molests or harms animals or persons, or which prevents, obstructs, delays, hampers, or impedes the performance of any official business of the Springfield Township Parks in violation of Section 2921.31 of the Ohio Revised Code. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to official government business; emergencies involving public health, safety, or serious property loss; emergency landings due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator; or as such operation is otherwise authorized by the regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration or the State of Ohio.

10.5 Toy Vehicles: No person shall operate or use any toy missiles, rockets, airplanes, gliders, or cars within the Park that are propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, unless otherwise authorized by a written permit issued by the Trustees.

10.6 Hobby Boats: Pursuant to Springfield Township Resolution 245-08, the following regulations were approved by the Trustees on August 14, 2008.

Operation of hobby boats on Springfield Lake is not permitted except as follows:

- A. The operation of remote controlled hobby boats will be permitted on Wednesdays and Sundays from 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM (the dates and times are subject to change at the Township's discretion due to a conflicting event)
- B. Operation shall be conducted from the lakeshore and in an area of the Lake no further west than the Veterans Memorial Park and no further east than the main entry to the Township Administration Building.
- C. All hobby boats being operated shall have a muffler mechanism but, at no time shall the noise level caused by the boats exceed 85 decibels at any point on the lakeshore, or 67 decibels at any inhabited residential dwelling;
- D. Operation of the boats is restricted to casual, non-competitive operation by individuals.

Any organized event involving more than six operators requires notice and approval by the Township Trustees or Parks Board at least 10 days prior to the event.

The Township reserves the right to revise the rules at their discretion.

SECTION 11. SIGNS, DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER, AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES.

11.1 Activities Requiring a Permit: Engaging or participating in any of the following activities within the Park is prohibited without first obtaining a written permit from the Trustees:

- (a) Exposing, displaying, distributing, projecting, or placing any sign, advertisement, banner, emblem, design, or electronic image of same within the Park, other than a permanent sign on a vehicle.
- (b) Selling or distributing printed matter, including but not limited to: leaflets, circulars, notices, and advertisements.

- (c) A public assembly, parade, picnic, meeting, gathering, exhibition, competition, demonstration, or other organized event of twenty-five (25) or more persons.

SECTION 12. COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES AND SOLICITATION

12.1 Sales: No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege, or service within the Park without first obtaining a written permit from the Trustees.

The purchase of an item for an amount far exceeding its value, under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the purchase is, in substance, a donation, shall be treated as a donation regulated by Section 12.2 of these Rules and Regulations.

12.2 Panhandling: No person shall engage in panhandling within the park. Panhandling shall mean any solicitation made in person requesting a donation of money.

SECTION 13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING

13.1 Photography and Recording Requiring a Permit: Persons may take still photographs or video or audio recordings within the Park without first obtaining a written permit from the Trustees unless any of the following apply:

- (a) The photographs or recordings are being taken for the purpose of advertising a product or service;
- (b) The project involves professional casts, props, models, or crews, other than in the case of bona fide news media personnel covering a breaking news event that cannot be covered at any other time or at any other location;
- (c) The project requires access to an area that is closed or restricted to general public use;
- (d) The project carries substantial risk of damaging Park resources, disrupting Park visitors, disrupting Park operations, or compromising public health and safety regulations.

13.2 Breaking news exception: Coverage or filming of breaking news by bona fide news media personnel does not require a permit, but such personnel may not damage Park resources, disrupt Park visitors, or compromise public health and safety regulations. "Breaking news" is defined as an event that cannot be covered at any other time or at any other location.

13.3 Voyeurism: No person shall secretly or surreptitiously videotape, film, photograph, or otherwise record another person within the Park under or through the clothing being worn by that other person for the purpose of viewing the body of, or the undergarments worn by, that other person.

SECTION 14. DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS

14.1 Leashes and Restricted Animals: Dogs and cats are permitted in the Park if they are controlled at all times on a leash held in hand and do not unreasonably disturb the use and enjoyment of the Park by other Park visitors. Leashes shall not be longer than eight feet. Pet waste must be disposed of in trash receptacles. Pet owner is responsible for any and all damage to Park property caused as a result of such pet.

No person shall bring any dog, cat, other domesticated animal or wild animal destructive to wildlife to any picnic area, play area, or public building.

All dogs must have current shots for Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, Bordetella and all other vaccinations as required by law. Rabies tags must be worn and displayed by all dogs at all times.

Dogs known to exhibit vicious, aggressive, or dangerous behavior as described in Ohio Revised Code Sections 955.22 and 955.11(A)(4)(a)(iii), including, but not limited to, a dog of the breed of Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, Canary Dog, Perro de Presa Canario, American Bull Dog, Old Country Bull Dog, or any mixed breed which contains elements of one or more of these breeds, are not permitted in Park at any time. Dogs showing signs of aggression must be immediately removed from the park.

Dogs, owners and users creating a disturbance or violating posted rules **MUST** leave the Park if requested by Township personnel or their designated agents.

14.2 Releasing of Animals: No person shall bring any domestic or wild animal into the Park for the purpose of releasing or abandoning said animal, nor shall any person release or abandon any animal within the Park.

14.3 Grazing: No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the Park any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other animal, or any poultry or other fowl.

SECTION 15. HOURS OF OPERATION

15.1 Presence in the Park During Restricted Hours Forbidden: No person shall enter, stop, or remain in the Park, except at posted times, with the exception of quiet use of the Lakeside Park for night fishing.

15.2 Schedule of Hours of Operation: The Trustees are authorized to maintain a schedule of hours of operation for the Park.

15.3 Temporary Closure of Facilities: Consistent with the laws of the State of Ohio, employees of Springfield Township Parks who have duly authorized management, public safety or law enforcement authority may temporarily close specific areas within the Park upon a

determination that such action is necessary for reasons of weather, resource protection or management, scientific research, equitable allocation of use of facilities, avoidance of conflict among visitor activities, law enforcement, or other situations involving public health, safety, or welfare. Maintenance personnel employed by Springfield Township Parks may temporarily close specific areas within the Park for construction, reconstruction, or maintenance purposes.

15.4 Public Notice Required for Temporary Closure of Facilities: Except in emergency situations, whenever specific areas within the Park are temporarily closed pursuant to Section 15.3 of these Rules and Regulations, the public shall be notified by one or more of the following methods:

- (a) Signs posted at conspicuous locations, such as normal points of entry and reasonable intervals along the boundary of the affected Park locale;
- (b) Maps available in the office of the Trustees and other places of convenience to the public;
- (c) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area;
- (d) Other appropriate methods, such as the use of electronic media, brochures, maps, or handouts;
- (e) Physical barriers such as barricades, barriers, fences and locks which actually limit or bar access to the area.

15.5 Trespass: When use of the Park or areas within the Park is restricted to certain persons, purposes, modes, or hours of operation, including temporary closure of facilities described in Section 15.3 of these Rules and Regulations, and such restriction is actually communicated to persons, or is posted on signs in conspicuous locations, or when access is restricted or prevented by fences, gates or other barriers, no person shall violate such restrictions. Any person who violates this section or who remains in the Park after lawfully being ordered to leave by a Police Officer or other commissioned officer of Springfield Township commits an act of criminal trespass under Section 2911.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

15.6 Employee's Presence in the Park: Employees of Springfield Township Parks may enter or remain on Park lands, waters, or premises as necessary, for the performance of their duties.

SECTION 16. PERMITS

16.1 Written Application: Prior to engaging in any activity for which a permit is required in any of the above sections of the Rules and Regulations, a person must submit a written application for a permit to the Trustees on a form that may be obtained from the Trustees at the Town Hall during normal business hours. A person who is seeking a permit to display a sign or to sell or distribute printed matter within the Park must also submit a copy of same to the Trustees for approval.

16.2 Review of Application: The Trustees will grant or deny an application for a permit within fourteen (14) days of its receipt, unless by written notice to the applicant, the Trustees extends the period for review for an additional fourteen (14) days. Applications for permits will be reviewed in order of receipt.

16.3 Grounds for Denial of Permit: The Trustees' denial of a permit must clearly set forth in writing the grounds for denial and, where feasible, must propose measures to cure defects in the application or suggest alternative times and places for the activity. The Trustees may deny an application for a permit on any of the following grounds:

- (a) the applicant or the person on whose behalf the application was made has on prior occasions made material misrepresentations regarding the nature or scope of an event or activity previously permitted or has violated the terms of prior permits issued to or on behalf of the applicant;
- (b) the application for permit (including any required attachments and submissions) is not fully completed and executed;
- (c) the applicant has not tendered the required application fee with the application or has not tendered the required user fee, indemnification agreement, insurance certificate, or security deposit within the times prescribed by the Trustees;
- (d) the application for permit contains a material falsehood or misrepresentation;
- (e) the applicant is legally incompetent to contract or to sue and be sued;
- (f) the applicant or the person on whose behalf the application for permit was made has on prior occasions damaged Park property and has not paid in full for such damage, or has other outstanding and unpaid debts to Springfield Township Parks;
- (g) a fully executed prior application for permit for the same time and place has been received, and a permit has been or will be granted to a prior applicant authorizing uses or activities which do not reasonably permit multiple occupancy of the Park or part thereof;
- (h) the use or activity intended by the applicant would conflict with previously planned programs organized and conducted by the Springfield Township Parks and previously scheduled for the same time and place;
- (i) the proposed use or activity is prohibited by or inconsistent with the classifications and uses of the Park or part thereof that have been properly designated and/or posted pursuant to any of the above sections of these Rules and Regulations;
- (j) the use or activity intended by the applicant would present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of the applicant, or other users of the Park, of the public, or of employees of Springfield Township;
- (k) the applicant has not complied or cannot comply with applicable licensure requirements, ordinances or regulations of the State of Ohio or of Springfield Township concerning the sale or offering for sale of any goods or services;
- (l) the use or activity intended by the applicant is prohibited by law, by these Rules and Regulations, or by other regulations properly promulgated by the Trustees.

16.4 Appeal of Denial of Permit: A person who has unsuccessfully applied for a permit has seven (7) days to file a written appeal to the Trustees, which must act upon the appeal within seven (7) days of receipt.

SECTION 17. EMPLOYEES EXEMPTION

17.1 Limited Exemption for Park Employees and Representatives: Acts of employees and duly authorized representatives of Springfield Township Parks, to the extent necessary for the performance of their authorized duties or in furtherance of programs or events organized and conducted by the Springfield Township Parks, shall be exempt from the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 18. INDIVIDUAL PARKS/FACILITIES RULES

18.1 Springfield Township Bicentennial Gazebo Rules and Regulations

The Bicentennial Gazebo is available to rent for any lawful activity. Any Springfield resident or nonresident may rent the gazebo. An application for usage must be filled out and submitted at least one week prior to the event. All reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. One application per envelope per week is permitted. Initial notification of an accepted permit will be made by phone. The permit must be picked up at the Community Center 48 hours prior to the approved usage time. A fee will be charged based on residency and time duration. The rental fee must be submitted with the application. Also, a refundable \$100.00 cash maintenance deposit must be made when the approved permit is picked up. The maintenance deposit will be returned in full if the gazebo and grounds immediately surrounding the gazebo are left in its original condition. If any maintenance is required to bring the area back to its original condition a rate of \$15.00 per hour (minimum of 3 hours) will be deducted from the maintenance deposit.

<u>Rental Fees</u>	Resident: \$50.00 per 3 hour session
	Non-Resident: \$100.00 per 3 hour session
<u>Hours Available</u>	Rental must be in three hour increments
	1 Session A: 9:00 a.m. to noon
	2 Session B: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	3 Session C: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rules for Use of Bicentennial Gazebo

1. The consumption or possession of controlled substances, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol is strictly prohibited.
2. The possession of a weapon is prohibited.
3. Glass containers are prohibited.
4. Fires, grills, or any cooking devices are prohibited inside the gazebo.
5. The possession or discharge of fireworks or other projectiles are prohibited.
6. All garbage must be disposed of in the provided containers in the park. The dumping of garbage on or near "full" containers is prohibited.
7. Tampering with security cameras, light fixtures, or power outlets is prohibited.
8. All music, noise, and sound levels must not interfere with the normal use of the park and private property.
9. No activity may interfere with the normal use of the area outside of the gazebo.
10. The construction of any structure is prohibited.

11. The use of nails, pins, staples or ties to secure anything to the gazebo is Prohibited
12. The use of the electrical outlets on the gazebo shall be limited to a maximum connected load of no greater than 100 amps. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for any tripped circuits due to overloads.
13. There shall be no soliciting on park grounds. The sale of merchandise and/or food is prohibited.
14. Gambling and gaming machines are prohibited.
15. All parking must be in designated parking lots. No parking is permitted on lawns or on roads.
16. Unloading of equipment from the road is limited to 15 minutes.
17. The use of wedding favors (rice, popcorn, flower petals, bird seed, etc) is prohibited. Use of the Gazebo by non-profit, charitable or civic organizations, without fee, will be permitted upon approval of application to the Township Trustees, together with proof of the entity's status. Such use will still require a refundable deposit.

All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein. The Trustees may promulgate additional regulations governing the use of the Bicentennial Gazebo.

18.2 Dotson JEDD Park

- A. All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein.
- B. Open for scheduled events only. Call 330-733-2556 to reserve fields.
- C. Alcohol, drugs, or any intoxicating substances are prohibited in all park areas.
- D. Tennis shoes and rubber-molded cleats are allowed. Metal cleats and spikes are prohibited in the vending area.
- E. No hitting/kicking into fences with baseballs/softballs/soccer balls.
- F. Climbing on fences prohibited.

18.3 Dallas Fraley Park

- A. All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein.
- B. Open for scheduled events only. Call 330-733-2556 to reserve fields.
- C. Alcohol, drugs, or any intoxicating substances are prohibited in all park areas.
- D. Tennis shoes and rubber-molded cleats are allowed.
- E. No hitting/kicking into fences with baseballs/softballs/soccer balls.
- F. Climbing on fences prohibited.

18.4 Lauer Park

- A. All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein.
- B. No dumping.
- C. No overnight camping.
- D. No motorized vehicles.
- E. No cutting or destruction of plant life.
- F. No hunting.

18.5 Lower Park

- A. All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein.
- B. Alcohol, drugs, or any intoxicating substances are prohibited in all park areas.
- C. Tennis shoes and rubber-molded cleats are allowed.
- D. No hitting/kicking into fences with baseballs/softballs/soccer balls.
- E. Climbing on fences prohibited.

18.6. Park Shelter Use Rules

- A. All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein.
- B. Park Shelter Area Reserved Daily.
- C. "Drop In" groups/events must vacate in the event the Park Shelter has been officially reserved.
- D. For reservations and information please call the Springfield Town Hall 330-784-1739.

18.7 Open Space Rules

- A. All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein.
- B. No dumping.
- C. No overnight camping.
- D. No motorized vehicles.
- E. No cutting or destruction of plant life.
- F. No hunting.

18.8 Tennis Court/Basketball Court/Handball Court Rules

- A. All General Park Rules apply as written on pages 1 through 15 herein.
- B. One hour time limit when others are waiting.
- C. Tennis shoes only.
- D. Bicycles, rollerblades, roller-skates, skateboards are prohibited.
- E. No reservations required.

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