

PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. HOURS OF OPERATION

- a) All parks shall be open to the public from 6:00 a.m. to dusk.
- b) Parks and its facilities equipped for nighttime activities will close at 10:00 p.m. when an activity is scheduled or anticipated to take place at that site.
- c) Every person desiring to use the parks and its facilities either before opening or after closing hours shall be required to have a special permit signed by the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall issue a special permit when the intended use of the parks and its facilities by said person is consistent with the programs and goals of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND NARCOTIC DRUGS

No person shall sell, possess, distribute or consume alcoholic beverages, drugs or narcotics in any park. Nor shall any person be permitted within the parks who is under the influence of intoxicating beverages, drugs or narcotics. The Board of Parks and Recreation has designated the Community Park Social Center and Centennial Park as areas where alcoholic beverages may be consumed, and the Board may designate special use areas or special events where alcoholic beverages may be consumed, but only upon special permit.

3. USE OF PARKS; PERMITS/RESERVATIONS

- a) Use of park space is on a first-come, first-served basis except that Town of Munster residents shall be given preference on Park space which has not been reserved. To insure use of a park shelter or picnic site for a group or organization, reservations must be made through the Town of Munster Park Department. All groups of 25 or more persons must obtain a permit to reserve exclusively a park shelter or picnic site.
- b) No person or organization shall advertise or publicize with the parks any event or activity to be held in the park without first receiving permission from the Parks and Recreation Department and obtaining any required permit from the Town of Munster.
- c) A rental fee will be charged to groups for exclusive use of park shelters, picnic sites or recreation facilities.
- d) Camping in the parks is not permitted.
- e) Glass bottles or containers in the parks are not permitted.

- f) No person shall attach or place any sign, banner, wire, rope or other contrivance to any building, sign, tree, or other park property by use of nails or staples. Any attachment properly made must be removed before leaving the parks.
- g) Munster residents shall receive priority to use Park basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, football, tennis, and volleyball facilities. Non-Munster residents shall wind-up their play when requested to do so by a Munster resident. The non-Munster residents shall complete their play within 5 minutes, and shall turn over the sports facility(s) to the Munster resident promptly thereafter.

4. ANIMAL CONTROL

- a) It shall be unlawful for an animal owner to allow or permit a dog or other animal to run at large in the parks except in Park places designated for such activity.
- b) The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excrement disposed by his animal within the parks.

5. DISTURBANCE OF NATURAL FEATURES

- a) No person shall pick flowers, foliage, berries or fruit or cut, break, dig up or in any way mutilate or injure any tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, turf, railing, seat, fence, structure or any other object within the parks.
- b) No person shall bring into or upon the parks any tree, shrub, or plant or any newly plucked branch or portion of a tree, shrub or plant.
- c) No person shall dig up or remove any dirt, stone, rock or make any other excavation whatever within the parks.

6. LITTERING

- a) No person shall leave bottles, broken glass, ashes, waste paper or other rubbish within the parks except in a receptacle provided for that purpose.
- b) No person shall throw or place any dirt, plant material, stone, rock debris, foreign or waste substance into or within the parks or in any lake, river or lagoon within or bordering upon land of the parks.
- c) No person shall deposit, dump, throw, lay, place or cause to be deposited any trash, paper, garbage, plant clipping or leaves within the parks except in a receptacle provided for that purpose.

7. FIRES

- a) No person shall kindle, build, maintain or use a fire other than in places provided or designated for such purposes, and only by issuance of a special permit.
- b) No person shall throw away or discard any lit or unlit match, cigarette, cigar, or other burning object in the parks.

8. FIREWORKS

No person shall possess, discharge or set off within the parks and firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets or other fireworks.

9. HUNTING, FISHING AND USE OF WEAPONS

- a) No person shall discharge any weapon or firearm within the parks. Firearms shall not be carried nor possessed in the parks.
- b) No person shall molest, trap, capture, hold, remove, injure or kill any animal or disturb its habitat within the parks.
- c) No person shall fish in the park waters posted as areas of no fishing.

10. PARKING

- a) No person shall park a vehicle any place within the parks other than in designated facilities provided for the particular purpose or type of vehicle, unless directed otherwise by law enforcement officers or department employees. No person shall park any vehicle on a grass or recreational surface, or in violation of posted parking restrictions.
- b) No person shall leave their vehicle within the parks after the parks close.

11. TRAFFIC

- a) **Motorized Vehicles** – No person shall operate any motorcycle, ATV, motorbike, motor scooter, motorized go-cart, or any other motor vehicle in the parks except on roadways, parking areas or other public ways designed and intended for motor vehicular use.
- b) **Non-Motorized Vehicles** – Non-motorized vehicles, pedal bicycles, tricycles, scooters, skate boards, roller skates and roller blades are not to be used on boardwalks, tennis courts, basketball courts, and shelters within the parks.

- c) Exempted Vehicles – Town of Munster authorized vehicles may be operated inside the parks, on grass, parking areas, walking paths and other public ways not originally intended for motor vehicles.
- d) Snowmobiles – No person shall operate a snowmobile with the parks other than in areas designated as snowmobile areas by the Director of Parks and Recreation.
- e) The speed limit for all vehicles within the parks is set at 10 m.p.h.

12. RESTRICTED USES AND AREAS

- a) No person shall strike a golf ball within the parks except during authorized play at the Centennial Park golf course or on the designated Centennial Park practice tees.
- b) No person shall use private boats or canoes on any streams, lakes or bodies of water within the parks.

13. COMMERCIAL USES

- a) No person shall engage in any commercial or for profit enterprise including but not limited to the offering of services, soliciting, selling or peddling any personal property, liquids or food for human consumption or distribute circulars or advertise, peddle or vend any goods, wares or merchandise within the parks, except upon special permit.
- b) No person shall distribute, cast, throw or place any handbill, pamphlet, circular, advertisement or notice of any kind within the parks.
- c) No person shall tell fortunes, play at games of chance, or use any gambling device within the parks.
- c) No person shall take photographs or moving pictures within the parks for the purpose of selling the negatives or prints.

14. INDECENT CONDUCT

No person shall violate any law, ordinance, rule or regulation of the United States of America, State of Indiana or Town of Munster concerning unlawful or indecent conduct.

15. LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEM

- a) No person shall use the parks when the Thorguard Prediction System is activated either by sound or light.

- b) An organization, a coach, and any other patron will be fined \$500 if he or she disregards this warning.

16. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

- a) Disturbing the Peace, Loudness, and Fighting – No person shall disturb the peace or good order of the community within the Parks by the loud playing of televisions, radios, tape recorders, noisemakers, or sound equipment.
- b) Unlawful Entry of Restrooms – No person, except park department employees while on duty, or park and/or law enforcement officers, shall enter a restroom set aside for persons of the opposite sex.
- c) Persons Acting Unlawfully to be Removed from Park
 1. A person within the parks who does not abide by these rules and regulations, or by conditions adopted and posted by the Board of Parks and Recreation for preservation of good order and the protection of property within the parks shall be removed from the park.
 2. A person with the park who does not abide by the instruction and direction of authorized employees or agents of the park in the lawful performance of their duties shall be removed from the park.
 3. Any person directed by the Director of Parks and Recreation, an employee or agent of the parks to leave the park shall do so promptly and peaceably.

17. SOCCER GOALS

- a) Soccer goals shall not be removed or relocated except as authorized and/or supervised by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his authorized designee.
- b) Soccer activity shall mean any soccer or related sports activity carried on in the Munster parks in which children and/or adults are participating.
- c) Soccer personnel shall mean any person exercising care, custody or supervision in a soccer activity in the Munster parks including but not limited to team coaches, managers, group leaders, and their assisting personnel.
- d) In the event that a person, group, league or other soccer organization using the Munster parks shall remove or relocate a soccer goal without authority of the Director of Parks and Recreation or his authorized designee, that person, group, league and/or organization each shall be liable for a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

- e) Each separate act of moving and removing, placing or replacing a soccer goal shall be considered a separate violation by said person, group, league and/or organization.

18. PENALTIES

- a) Suspension from Park and Recreation Privileges – Any person violating the rules and regulations hereby set forth shall be subject to immediate expulsion of the park by and duly designated enforcement official and shall further be suspended from all Park and Recreation privileges for the remainder of the day that said violation occurs; and, further, said person shall be immediately reported to the Director of Parks and Recreation who may, upon review of the facts, extend such suspension for a period not to exceed one year. Upon request of the Director of Parks and Recreation, and notice to the person, the Board of Parks and Recreation may extend the suspension for more than one year.
- b) Suspension Appealed -
 - 1. Any person suspended from park and recreation privileges pursuant to the provision of the foregoing paragraph may appeal the decision of the Director of Parks and Recreation to the Board of Parks and Recreation by setting forth the facts giving rise to the suspension in writing and delivering the same to the Board at its regular meeting, not later than thirty (30) days after the initial suspension.
 - 2. The Board may investigate or cause an investigation to be made, and when complete, it may affirm, reduce, modify or revise the decision of the Director of Parks and Recreation.
- c) Fine - Any person violating these rules and regulations, or any part hereof or any person doing any act which is prohibited hereunder, of which is made or declared to be unlawful hereunder, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day. Every day of any violation of these rules and regulations shall constitute a separate offense.

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