

ORDINANCE NO. 77

Ridgebury Township Park Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RIDGEBURY TOWNSHIP PARK, INCLUDING THE TIMES THAT IT IS OPEN AND THE ACTIVITIES ENGAGED IN BY VISITORS TO THE PARK; REGULATING THE USE OF THE BALL FIELDS; AND DESIGNATING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE A SUMMARY OFFENSE AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania as follows;

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "The Ridgebury Township Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance".

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall regulate the activities of persons in any park owned or operated by Ridgebury Township.

SECTION 3. The park shall be open April 1 through October 31 from 8 am to 9 pm. All reservations and permit methods will be set by Township resolution.

SECTION 4. All persons using the park facilities shall protect, wherever possible, the facilities, vegetation and wildlife within the park. To accomplish this end, the following is prohibited:

1. No person shall injure, deface, climb, mutilate, pull up, remove, or destroy any vegetation in the park, whether tree, brush, shrub, vine, fern, flower or fruit.
2. No person shall hunt, trap, chase, capture or molest in any manner whatsoever wildlife of any kind or disturb the nests or eggs of birds or homes of animals.
3. Parking on grass covered areas not designated for parking is prohibited.
4. It shall be unlawful for anyone to deface, mutilate, mistreat, abuse, destroy, mark, write or paint upon anything in the park whether natural or manmade.
5. Dumping of rubbish, trash and littering of any kind is forbidden and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
6. Open fires permitted only in charcoal grills provided and must be emptied after use in proper receptacles.

SECTION 5. The possession of or discharge of any type of firearm, bow and arrow, air gun, sling shot, fireworks or any other weapon within the limits of the park is prohibited.

(a) The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs within the park is prohibited. No person shall drink or possess beer, wine, or intoxicating beverages of any kind in the park.

(b) No person shall smoke, be intoxicated, under the influence of illegal drugs, gamble or use threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, fight or commit disorderly or immoral conduct of any kind in the park.

(c) No person shall solicit, sell or attempt to sell, peddle or advertise any tickets, articles or services in the park without prior permission from the Park Committee.

SECTION 6. Use or operation of motor operated vehicles in the park is prohibited except in the designated parking areas and roadway during the normal hours that the park is open. ATV's, Snowmobiles, or other recreation vehicles are prohibited anywhere in the park, including the parking lots, with the exception of equipment used in park maintenance.

SECTION 7. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children's safety at all times.

SECTION 9. Groups with reservations, including Little League, shall have the sole use of designated reserved areas for the duration of the reservation or season.

SECTION 10. Pets permitted in the park must be leashed at all times. Pet waste must be cleaned up and disposed of properly by the owner. Pets are not permitted on the Little League playing fields.

SECTION 11. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before a District Justice, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars, the cost of damages and labor, and undergo imprisonment for a period of not more than thirty (30) days or both. All prosecutions shall be brought in the name of the Township of Ridgebury and all fines shall be paid to Ridgebury Township.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Ridgebury Township this 5th day of May, 2010.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

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