

March 15, 1999

Ordinance 99-01

1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Park Ordinance".

2. Definitions.

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PARK – Includes all township open space.

3. Regulations.

- A. No person shall be permitted in a township park except between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and dusk, unless a permit has been issued by the Park and Recreation Commission.
- B. No person shall enter or leave a township park except by entrances and/or exits provided for such purposes.
- C. No person shall enter or use a toilet in a township park set apart for the use of the opposite sex.
- D. Distribution or consumption of beer, ale, or other alcoholic or intoxicating beverage, or controlled substance (such as are now defined or may be defined by federal, state or township law, act or ordinance) is strictly prohibited in any and all township parks.
- E. No gambling or gambling device is permitted in any township park.
- F. No abusive, threatening, indecent or profane language and/or conduct that is publicly inappropriate and/or annoying to others using township park facilities shall be permitted.
- G. No person or persons shall be permitted to solicit money, or promise for same, within the confines of a township park.

- H. No horses, dog, cats or other animals owned or possessed by people shall be permitted to run loose or otherwise be uncontrolled within the confines of township parks nor shall any animals be permitted with in the track and enclosed fields at Pine Creek Park. Owners or handlers shall be responsible for prompt and complete removal of their animal's excrement.
- I. Vehicles.
- (1) No person shall drive, operate or park any vehicle (motor or self-propelled) in any portion of a township park except in spaces specifically set aside and marked for parking purposes; and no person shall occupy a parked motor vehicle after dark within a township park except with the exterior parking lights and interior parking lights turned on and in operation.
- (2) Use and operation of bicycles, go-carts, dirt bikes, all terrain vehicles, skateboards, roller blades (except in designation areas), aircraft, including, but not limited to, ultra-light planes and/or other motorized and/or non-motorized devices employing wheels and/or blades of any kind (metal, wooden, plastic, rubber, etc.) is strictly prohibited on township park picnic areas, ball fields or any other portion of any township park.
- J. No person, other than active duty police officers employed in the execution of their duties, shall carry or possess or discharge or use firearms or weapons of any type in a township park.
- K. No person or persona shall scatter, drop or leave any paper, rags, garbage, dead flowers and plants, grass cuttings, tree limbs, glass, metal or plastic cans and/or containers or any other rubbish anywhere within the township park except in receptacles provided for such purposes. Grass clippings, brush and other debris from private property may not be discarded or otherwise placed anywhere on township park property, including trash receptacles.
- L. No person shall injure, damage or otherwise deface any building, structures, fences, bridges, monuments, playground equipment or other property (permanently or temporarily erected or placed) in a township park; or climb a tree break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure or damage any ornament, rock, stone, tree, plant, shrub, fern, blooms, blossom, flower or turf; nor shall any person foul and/or otherwise contaminate any stream of water in any township park at any time or trespass on adjoining property.
- M. No person shall injure or otherwise interfere with any wild animals within a township park.

- N. No person shall injure, deface or destroy any public signs, ordinance or other official township notices posted in a township park.
- O. No person shall light or permit fire to burn in a township park except in a proper fireplace (permanent or portable) provided for such purposes. All fires must be constantly attended, and responsibility for such fires shall be solely that of the person or persons starting and/or using the fire.
- P. The playing of golf or the hitting of golf balls is strictly prohibited at all times in any township park.
- Q. Use of a township park for any of the following purposes is prohibited, unless a permit is first obtained from the Township Park and Recreation Commission, or its designate for such permit issuance, as hereinafter provided:
- (1) Sales of merchandise of any kind.
 - (2) Use of fireworks, other explosives.
 - (3) Musical, theatrical or other entertainment, or sound amplification of any kind.
 - (4) Overnight camping.
 - (5) Parties and/or gatherings in excess of 25 persons for any purpose whatsoever.
 - (6) Posting or distribution of advertisements placards or notices.
 - (7) Operations by individuals of powered, remote control model aircraft.
 - (8) Initial launching site of hot air balloons.

4. Enforcement.

The Police Department shall enforce the regulations herein set forth and shall exercise general supervision over persons and property in all township parks.

5. Powers and Duties of the Park and Recreation Commission.

The Township Park and Recreation Commission shall have general supervision of all township parks and all maintenance thereof, including replacements of property and equipment therein. The Commission shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the township parks and general public health and welfare associated with use of the park. In view of the fact that the township parks and playgrounds have been acquired and are maintained primarily for the use of residents of the township, the Board of Supervisors, Park and Recreation Board, or any person or

persons so designated shall have the right to control access to those parks and playground areas.

6. Permits

Permits for use of township park(s) shall be issued on behalf of the township by the township's Park and Recreation Commission. The township, upon recommendation from its Parks and Recreation Commission, may enact a fee schedule for such permits. All moneys received from these fees will be entered into the township's general fund and be designated for township park maintenance and improvements; appropriate township sponsored recreation programs within the confines of its parks, or at other sites and facilities approved by the township, and for the general fund of the township. The Commission may also require a deposit to insure proper clean up of facilities as a condition of the issuance of a permit.

7. Violations and Penalties.

- A. Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter, upon being found liable therefor in civil enforcement proceedings, shall pay a fine of not more than \$600, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the township in enforcement of this chapter. No judgment shall be imposed until the date of the determination of the Violation by the District Justice and / or Court. If the defendant neither pays nor timely appeals the judgment, the township may enforce the judgment pursuant to the applicable rules of the civil procedure. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Further, the appropriate officers or agents of the township are hereby authorized to seek equitable relief, including injunction, to enforce compliance herewith.
- B. Parents and/or legal guardians of person(s) less than 18 years of age will be held liable for any/all fines assessed, and/or damages incurred by those persons to township park properties.

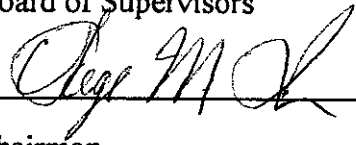
An opportunity will be afforded to all persons in attendance to address the Board of Supervisors in the matter of the proposed Ordinance. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend the meeting as noticed above, and require an auxiliary aid service or other accommodation to observe or participate in the public meeting, please contact the Township Offices (610) 827-7660 to discuss how West Pikeland Township may best accommodate your needs.

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 15th day of March, 1999.

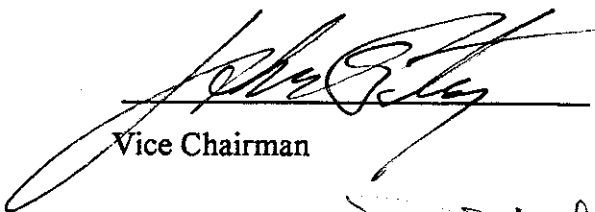
West Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors



Chairman

Date: *MAR 15, 1999*


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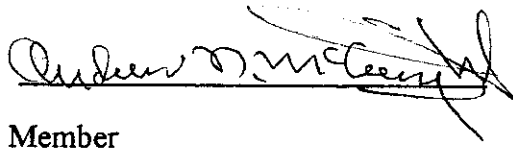


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Secretary
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