

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF BAZETTA TOWNSHIP PARK**

**Approved by the Board of
Bazetta Township Trustees**

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1. PERSONAL CONDUCT, RIGHTS OF OTHERS

A. DISTURBING THE PEACE

No person shall disturb the peace by fighting, quarreling with loud voices or shouts, nor threaten violence to the person or property of others, nor act in a riotous, disorderly or boisterous manner.

B. ABUSIVE, OBSCENE LANGUAGE

No person shall use obscene, profane or abusive language in the park.

C. BEGGING, SOLICITING

No person shall beg or solicit in any manner, or for any reason, in the park.

D. GAMES OF CHANCE/GAMBLING

No person shall gamble or conduct gambling or games of chance in any form in the park.

E. ASSEMBLAGE

Persons shall not gather in groups for unlawful purposes nor shall any person or group of persons be disorderly, or annoy, harass, or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person or persons in the park.

F. LOITERING

No person shall loiter in or near any building, structure or motor vehicle in the park.

G. PUBLIC REST ROOMS

No person, except park personnel in the performance of their duties, shall enter a rest room of the opposite sex.

H. RIGHTS OF OTHERS

All persons shall conduct themselves at all times, with due regards to the rights of others, in the use and enjoyment of the park.

2. DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTIVE, REMOVAL OR DISTURBANCE OF PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND NATURAL FEATURES

A. DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL

No person shall in any way, injure, deface, destroy, disturb or remove any part of a building, sign, equipment or other structure or property, or any tree, flower, shrub, plant or other vegetation, or rock, earth or mineral located in the park.

3. LITTERING, DUMPING

A. LITTERING, DUMPING, RUBBISH AND GARBAGE

No person shall discard or dump, within the park, any paper, garbage, ashes, bottles, cans, refuse, or foreign materials of any description, except in receptacles provided for that purpose.

B. PICNIC REFUSE

Refuse, garbage and any other refuse of a picnic or other permitted activity shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes. Pavilions shall be left in a neat and orderly fashion.

C. NOXIOUS AND OFFENSIVE MATERIAL

No person shall throw or drain any noxious or offensive materials into any park drain, ditch, ground or waters.

4. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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No person shall possess an open container of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor in the park.

B. PUBLIC INTOXICATION

No person is permitted to be in a state of intoxication within the park.

5. DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS

A. DOGS AND CATS

Dogs and cats are permitted in the park only if the animal is leashed and controlled at all times. Dogs and cats are **not permitted** on athletic fields, playground areas, or plant beds.

B. DROPPINGS

Dog and cat droppings **must** be removed from the park immediately by the person in control of the animal.

Dogs and cats are **not permitted** to defecate on athletic fields, playground areas, trails or walk/pathways.

C. OTHER ANIMALS

Other than dogs and cats, no household pets, domestic or exotic animals are permitted in the park.

6. FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, EXPLISIVES, BOWS AND ARROWS

A. FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES

No persons shall carry nor discharge firearms of any description, air, gas or pellet guns, slingshots, explosives (other than fireworks, see B.) or dangerous weapons of any kind, within the park.

B. FIREWORKS

No person shall carry or discharge fireworks of any description within the park.

C. BOWS AND ARROWS

No person shall carry or use bows, crossbows, longbows or arrows within the park.

7. HUNTING, TRAPPING, MOLESTING WILDLIFE

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No person shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any way molest or harm any wild bird or animal and or their nest within the park.

8. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

A. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, privilege, service of Subscription in the park unless such sale or offer is pursuant to a contract with the Township Board of Trustees.

B. No person shall solicit donations or collections for any purpose in the park.

C. Except non-profit organizations with Park Board and Trustee approval.

9. PUBLIC MEETING/SPEECHES-POSTINGS, DISPLAYING, DISTRIBUTING SIGNS OR LITTERATURE

A. PUBLIC MEETINGS/SPEECHES

Persons shall not gather in groups for the purpose of holding a public meeting or engage in marching, driving or a demonstration as members of a political, military or other organization, nor shall any persons or person deliver public speeches in the park without advance written consent from the Board of Township Trustees.

B. POSTING, DISPLAYING, DISTRIBUTING SIGNS OR LITERATURE

No person shall erect, display or distribute any sign, advertisement, literature, or circular of any type in the park.

10. FIRES, PORTABLE GRILLS

A. FIRES

No person shall build a fire within the park except in cooking grills provided for that purpose. Hot ashes are to be dumped in containers provided in the park.

B. PORTABLE GRILLS

No person shall use a privately owned portable picnic grill inside pavilions, shelters, buildings, or on picnic tables or other structures, nor dump hot ashes from portable picnic grills on grass or vegetations, or in drains, ditches or waters in the park. Hot ashes are to be dumped in the containers in the park.

11. CAMPING

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No person shall camp or sleep overnight or erect tents or temporary lodging or sleeping facilities in the park without advance written consent from the Board of Township Trustees.

12. MOTOR VEHICLES

A. OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The operation of motor vehicles using any park drivers shall at all times, be in compliance with all motor vehicle laws of the state of Ohio and local ordinances, as applicable.

B. ALL TERRAINE VEHICLES, SNOW MOBILES, MINI BIKES, GO-CARTS AND GOLF CARTS

No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle, a snowmobile, mini bike,

go-carts, golf carts, vehicle normally considered a racing vehicle, or any other type of motor vehicle not customarily registered or titled with the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the park.

C. MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycles, regardless of street or off road designation, are only permitted on park drives and parking areas. Under no circumstances are motorcycles permitted on trails, walks/pathways, athletic fields, playground areas or any other areas of the park not designated for use by motor vehicles.

D. BICYCLES

Bicycles are not permitted to be operated on trails, walk/pathways, plant beds, athletic fields, court areas, or playground areas in the park.

E. TRAILS

No person shall operate a vehicle of any kind, including bicycles, on park trails, or walk/pathways. Trails and walk/pathways throughout the park are for pedestrian use only.

F. SPEED LIMIT

Motor vehicles using park drives must comply with posted speed limit signs.

G. PARKING

The parking of any motor vehicle is permitted only in designated parking areas. No parking is permitted along park drives, on lawn areas, or at entrances to parking areas, drives, or other areas designated **NO PARKING** areas, that would hinder access to maintenance or emergency vehicles.

13. SPORTS ACTIVITIES

A. WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Sledding, ice skating and other related winter sports and activities are permitted in designated areas only, and only during periods when such activities are deemed safe by the park director.

B. JOGGING, RUNNING, WALKING

Persons using park drives running, walking or jogging must stay to the left edge of the roadway facing oncoming traffic and be no more than two abreast. Any person running, walking, or jogging on park drives must not interfere with or obstruct vehicular traffic.

C. BICYCLING

Bicycles are not permitted to be operated on trails, plant beds, athletic fields, court areas, or playgrounds within the park.

D. TOURNAMENTS, FOOT RACES, SPECIAL EVENTS

Any person or group wishing to conduct a tournament, foot race, or special event within the park must comply with the following procedures:

1. A written request to hold an event must be made to the park board not later than 80 days prior to the date of the event.
2. Permission to conduct an event will only be given after proper park authorities have approved the arrangements proposed for the event and determined that they comply with the policy of the park department.

E. OTHER SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Baseball, softball, football, soccer, etc. are permitted only in designated recreation areas designed to accommodate such activity, and only during periods when such activities are deemed safe by the park board.

F. ORGANIZED SPORTING ACTIVITIES

All organized sporting activities, such as baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball, etc. must comply with all general and specific rules established by the Bazetta Township Park Board and approved by the Bazetta Township Board of Trustees.

G. ROLLER SKATES AND SKATE BOARDS

No person is permitted to roller skate or skateboard on park drives, pathways or walkways.

14. MUSIC, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, RADIOS, TAPE DECKS, RECORD PLAYERS

A. MUSIC, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The use and playing of musical instruments in the park is permitted only for the enjoyment of the individual using the instrument, and in doing so, the instrument must be played in a manner that will not disturb or be offensive to other park visitors.

B. RADIOS, TAPE DECKS, RECORD PLAYERS

The playing of radios, tape decks, and record players, is permitted only for the enjoyment of the individual using the instrument, and in doing so, the instrument must be played in a manner that will not disturb or be offensive to other park visitors.

15. SNOWMOBILES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, MINI-BIKES, GO-CARTS

A. SNOWMOBILES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, MINI-BIKES, GO-CARTS

No person shall operate a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicles, mini-bike, or go-cart, vehicle normally considered a racing car or any other type of motor vehicle not customarily registered or titled with the State Department of Motor Vehicles in the park.

16. ENGINE POWERED MODELS, SIRENS, NOISE-MAKERS

A. ENGINE POWERED MODELS

No person shall operate engine powered models of airplanes, boats, cars, etc. in the park.

B. SIRENS, NOISE MAKERS

No person shall operate a siren or other noise maker device in the park.

17. MOTOR VEHICLES, TRUCKS

A. OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The operation of motor vehicles using any park drives shall, at all times, be in compliance with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Ohio and local ordinances, as applicable.

B. SPEED LIMIT

Motor vehicles using park drives must comply with the posted speed limit signs.

C. TRUCKS

Only trucks with noncommercial plates may be operated within the park.

D. PARKING

The parking of any motor vehicle is permitted only in designated parking areas. No parking is permitted along roadsides, on lawn areas, or at entrances to closed parking areas and/or drives that would hinder access to maintenance or emergency vehicles.

18. PARK HOURS

The township park will be open from 9:00 am until dusk from April 01st to October 31st. No person except parties holding permits for the use of park pavilions, or participants in park operated activities and park employees on duty shall remain in the park during posted hours of closing.

19. CLOSING OF FACILITIES

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The Bazetta Township Board of Trustees may close any park or facility or cease any park activity at any time, wherein the Board's judgment of such facility or activity is deemed unsafe or the best interest, general well-being and safety of the public is not being served.

20. OTHER REGULATIONS

A. REGULATIONS, PARK FACILITIES, PARK ACTIVITIES

In addition to these general rules and regulations, park visitors are also subject to the rules and regulations of specific park facilities and activities, as applicable.

B. STATE & FEDERAL LAWS, LOCAL ORDINANCES

In addition to these general rules and regulations, park visitors are also subject to State and Federal Law, and Local Ordinances, as applicable.

21. FAULURE TO COMPLY

A. FAILURE TO COMPLY

No person shall refuse to comply with any reasonable order of any park official relating to any specific facility or activity, regulations, or these general rules and regulations, or willfully resist, obstruct, or abuse any park official in the execution of their duty.

22. PENALTIES

A. PENALTIES

Violation of any of these general rules and regulations or any specific facility or a activity regulation could result in expulsion from the park and possible prosecution in the court, where applicable.

23. SAFETY

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Bazetta Township Park exists for the benefit and use of the general public. The township will make every attempt to assure that reasonable care is taken to make the park safe. **THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT THEIR USE OF ALL PARK FACILITIES IS AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

B. UNSAFE CONDITIONS

If, during use of park facilities, any person or persons recognizes an unsafe condition existing in the park, they are asked to contact any one of the following:

1. Any park personnel working in the park.
2. The Bazetta Township Board of Trustees.

C. IMMINENT DANGER

If the unsafe condition is classified as eminent damage or life threatening, you are urged to call Bazetta Township Police by dialing 911.