

**ORDINANCE NO. 34**

**GRANT TOWNSHIP PARK ORDINANCE**

**No. 34, Adopted: Feb. 12, 1990**

**An Ordinance to Provide for the Use, Protection, Regulation, and Control of the Public Park and Park Facilities and other Matters Concerning Recreation, Conservation, Education, and Scenic Areas and to Provide for the Adoption of Supplementary Rules and Regulations and other Matters Related to the Use of and Conduct on Park Property.**

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRANT, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1: Short Title:**

This ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "GRANT TOWNSHIP PARK ORDINANCE."

**SECTION 2: Pubic Use and Hours:**

**A. General public:**

Any group or gathering of 25 or more persons, may use certain areas within the public park in Grant Township to the exclusions of others by making application and being granted a permit by the Grant Township Park and Recreation Director or his designated representative of the Grant Township Park and Recreation Commission.

**B. Permits:**

1. Applications for permits for reserved park space shall be made upon forms to be furnished by the Grant Township Park and Recreation Department as approved by the Commission.
2. The Commission or its agent may, upon written application, grant specific use permits for special uses when, in the opinion of the Commission or its agent, special consideration is warranted.
3. Application shall be made in advance of the time of the reservation request sufficient to allow at least 12 hours posted notice of reservation of space.
4. In the event more applications for reserved space are received than spaces available, such applications shall be considered in the chronological order received.

**C. Fee and Charges:**

1. Fees and charges may be assessed by the Commission for the use of any facility, land, area, or program on the Township Park property.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Commission without payment of such fee or charge.

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### D. Hours:

No person or vehicle shall remain upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission between posted closing times and sunrise, however, that upon application to the Commission or its authorized agent, said hours may be extended.

### SECTION 3: Protection of Property:

A. Destruction of buildings, markers, monument, and other properties shall be prohibited, and no person shall, on Township property:

1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or blaze, marking or designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
2. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure.
3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon park property.
4. Appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historical or prehistorical ruin or any object of antiquity, without permission of the Commission or its agent.

B. Destruction of plant life and natural surroundings shall be prohibited, and no person shall:

1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sampling, seeding, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, foliage, flower, or any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove, or destroy any flower, plant or grass.
2. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel, or sand, without written permission of the Commission or its agent.

C. The following rules shall apply to fires on Township Park Property:

1. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow within or upon the property of the Commission.
2. No person shall build any fire upon Commission property except within the fireplaces, receptacles or open spaces approved and designated by the Commission or its agent for such purpose.
3. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable materials within or upon any property of the Township.
4. Fires shall not be left unattended. All fires shall be extinguished upon leaving the

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leaving the immediate vicinity..

### **SECTION 4: Protection of Wildlife:**

It shall be unlawful for any person while on Township Park property to:

- A. Cause any animal or fowl to run at large.
- B. Bring, drive or lead any animal onto Township Park property; excepting that horses and other beasts of burden and draft animals may be ridden by persons in charge thereof or driven before a vehicle attached thereto, on such portions of Township Park property as may be designated.
- C. Bring, drive, lead or carry any dog or other animal or pet which is unleashed, or upon a leash more than six feet in length, or upon Township Park property. All such animals must be under the immediate control of a competent person at all times.
- D. Suffer his dog or pet to enter any public building, except a trained and working leader dog.
- E. No person shall hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, attempt to trap, catch, wound, or kill any bird or animal, molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den, or burrow of any animal in or upon any land administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission or its agent.

### **SECTION 5: Regulations Governing Sports, Games, Activities and Other Uses:**

No person shall:

- A. Use any playing field, equipment, or facility for which a permit has been issued.
- B. Camp on Township Park property.

### **SECTION 6: Traffic and Parking:**

Parking in prohibited area; standing for loading and unloading in certain places.

- A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.
- B. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.
- C. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in any area which is designated as a prohibited parking area.

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- D. It shall be unlawful to drive or park any motor vehicle in or upon 'commission property which is used for recreational purposes unless otherwise allowed by these rules.

### **Motor-driven Vehicles: It shall be unlawful for any person to:**

- A. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on designated parking areas.
- B. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 25 miles per hour or at any greater than that posted; provided further, however, that notwithstanding any provision herein, any person driving a vehicle on any park road shall drive at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is responsible and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the road of any other condition then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a park road at a speed greater than will permit him to bring said vehicle to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
- C. Operate any motor-driven sled, toboggan or snowmobile on any property under the control of the commission except where permitted by posted notice.
- D. Operate any vehicle upon Commission property, including but not limited to any area designated for the parking of vehicles, in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property.
- E. Drive any vehicle upon Commission Property while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic, drug, barbitol, or any derivative of barbitol.
- F. Operate any motor vehicle in a manner upon Commission property which results in excessive noise or disturbs the peace, quiet or tranquility of the area.
- G. Leave, or cause to be left, any vehicle upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission between sunset and 8:00 a.m.

### **SECTION 7: Trespass:**

- A. Livestock No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission, without written permission of the Commission or its agent.
- B. Peddling and Soliciting It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any land, structures, or property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission, or to use such lands, structures or property unless first authorized in writing by the Commission or its agent.
- C. Littering and Pollution of Waters:
  - 1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the property of the Commission except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purposes.

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2. To throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

### D. Skating and Coasting:

1. No person shall use roller skates or skateboards within or upon Commission property except at such places as may be designated or maintained therefore.
2. No person shall skate, sled, walk or go upon any ice, or snowshoe, or ski except at such times and upon such places as may be designated or maintained therefore.
3. No person shall within or upon Commission property coast with handsleds, bobs, carts, or other vehicles, on wheels or runners, except at such times and upon such places as may be designated or maintained therefore.

### E. Balloons, Airplanes, and Parachutes

No person shall make any ascent in any balloon or airplane or any descent in or from any balloon or airplane or parachute on any lands or waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission without first having written permission from the Commission or its Agent.

### F. Public Exhibition

No person shall exhibit any machine or show, or any animal, or indulge in any acrobatic exhibitions in or upon any Township Park property, nor shall any person carry on any performance or do anything whatsoever, which shall cause persons to congregate so as to interfere with the proper use of such property by the general public or to obstruct the passage of vehicles or persons, without first having obtained written permission from the Commission or its Agent.

### G. Special Permits

No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above nor below ground, across or beneath Township Park property by any person, firm, or corporation without first having obtained written permission from the Commission authorizing such installation or construction and a permit specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such approval.

### H. Emergency Powers. Nothing in these rules shall:

1. Prohibit or hinder duly authorized agents of the Commission or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
2. Prohibit the Commission or the Director from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare and safety of park visitors and to protect park property;

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including, but not limited to, the right of the Commission to order all persons off Commission property, and close all or any portion of said park.

### **SECTION 8: Enforcement:**

Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$100.00 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days or both, for each offense.

### **SECTION 9: Definitions:**

- A. "Commission" shall mean the Grant Township Board or the Township Parks and Recreation Commission when established.
- B. "Commission property" or "Township Park property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Grant Township Board or Township Parks and Recreation Commission.
- C. "Person" or "persons" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular, or plural; firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
- D. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons on the ground or in any manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, boat, or in any other conveyance erected, parked, or placed on the premises or waters within any park or recreation area administered by the Commission.
- E. "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the Grant Township Board or township Parks and Recreation Commission applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of said Commission and all amendments thereto.

### **SECTION 10:**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

### **SECTION 11: Effective Date:**

This ordinance shall be published as required by law, to become effective on the date of final publication.

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