

POLK TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2019

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR POLK TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

WHEREAS, Polk Township is a Second Class Township located in Monroe County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Second Class Township Code specifically authorizes the adoption of Ordinances and specifies that violation of such Ordinances may constitute a summary offense, in accordance with 53 P.S. §1601; and

WHEREAS, the Second Class Township Code at 53 §2201 and §2203 also provides that the Board of Supervisors may designate lands owned, leased or controlled by the Township for use as parks, playgrounds and other recreation areas, and further provides that the Township may by Ordinance regulate the use and enjoyment by the public of any such park or recreation ground; and

WHEREAS, Polk Township owns various parks and recreation areas within the Township for the benefit of Township residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Polk Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1: The hereafter described rules and regulations shall be applicable to any and all parks or recreation areas owned, leased or controlled by Polk Township.

Section 2: Any such park or recreation area owned, leased or controlled by the Township which is open to members of the public shall contain appropriate signage so indicating and further indicating that all entrants to such area shall be bound by the Park Rules and Regulations as may be posted as hereinafter set forth.

Section 3: The “Park Rules and Regulations” are as follows:

PARK REGULATIONS

1. Picnic tables or other park items are not to be removed from pavilions and all decorations put up in conjunction with any event must be removed.
2. All recreation areas are to be shared. Entrants shall be courteous and respectful to each other at all times.
3. Users must supply all sports equipment.
4. No dumping. Trash/litter must be placed in the proper containers.
5. Open fires are prohibited.
6. Pets are permitted on walking trails and grassy areas. Pets must always be leashed and waste picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner.
7. Damaging, defacing, removing or attempting to remove any manmade or natural object is prohibited.
8. The park is a DRUG FREE ZONE. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
9. Licensed motorized vehicles are restricted to parking areas only. Minibikes, ATVs and other unlicensed motor vehicles are prohibited.
10. Soliciting, posting of signs, distribution of products or equipment is prohibited.
11. Loud noise is prohibited.
12. Weapons, firearms, air guns, model rocketry, drones, launching projectiles, fireworks, or explosive devices are prohibited.
13. No hunting, trapping or target shooting with firearms or archery.
14. Polk Township will enforce these regulations. Anyone not following these regulations will not be permitted to use the facilities and may be subject to fines and damages.
15. Park hours are Dawn to Dusk.

Section 4: Violation of the "Park Rules and Regulations", shall be a summary offense under Section 1601(c).1(2) of the Second Class Township Code. Violations will be subject to a summary fine not to exceed \$1000.00 per violation. Enforcement shall be by action brought before the District Justice in the same manner for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Section 5: The Township Codes Enforcement Officer shall enforce this Ordinance.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be known as the “Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance”.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Section 8: This Ordinance repeals any inconsistent provisions of any previously adopted Polk Township.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Polk Township Board of Supervisors after do advertisement hereby ADOPT this Ordinance this _____ day of _____, 2019.

POLK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Brian K. Ahner, Chairman

By: _____
Michael D. Hurley, Vice-Chairman

By: _____
Carl S. Heckman

ATTEST:

Ruthanne K. Toner, Secretary