

§ 137-1. Prohibited acts.

While in a public park or recreational area, all persons shall conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner, and no person shall:

- A. Willfully mark, deface, tamper with or deface or remove any public property.
- B. Except while using the Washington Township Community Garden in accordance with the regulations set forth in § 137-7, dig or remove any soil, shrubs, or plants or other wood materials. **[Amended 5-20-2013 by Ord. No. 09-13]**
- C. Damage, remove or injure the flowers or seed of any tree or plant.
- D. Hunt, harm or kill any animal life unless that person has been specifically authorized or licensed to do so by the Township Committee. **[Amended 10-18-2010 by Ord. No. 20-10]**
- E. Discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain or other body of water in or adjacent to any park any substance which may result in the pollution of the waters.
- F. Dump any refuse or trash anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall place refuse in the proper receptacle where these are provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- G. Leave a bicycle lying on the ground or set against trees or any other place where other persons may trip over or be injured by such bicycle.
- H. Swim or wade in any waters in or adjacent to any park, except in such waters and at such places as are provided therefor, and except in compliance with such regulations as are herein set forth or may be hereinafter adopted.
- I. Fish in any area where bathing is permitted.
- J. Leave a picnic area before the fire is completely extinguished and before all trash is disposed of.
- K. Set up tents, shacks or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping.
- L. Have or bring alcoholic beverages or drink such at any time without a permit from the Township. **[Amended 3-15-2010 by Ord. No. 07-10]**
- M. Have in his possession or set, or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn, any firecrackers or other fireworks.
- N. Solicit alms or contributions for any purpose, whether public or private.
- O. Disturb or interfere unreasonably with any person or party occupying any area or participating in any activity under the authority of a permit.

- P. Post any sign or inscription whatever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park.
- Q. Have in his or her possession glass containers of any type. **[Added 7-15-1985 by Ord. No. 26-85]**
- R. Except while at the Long Valley Dog Park in accordance with the regulations set forth in § 137-6, allow, permit or suffer any dog owned by them or under their control to enter upon park property, whether on or off a leash. **[Added 7-15-1985 by Ord. No. 26-85; amended 7-16-2007 by Ord. No. 18-07]**
- S. Play golf, drive, pitch, putt or chip any golf balls in other than designated areas. **[Added 7-15-1985 by Ord. No. 26-85]**
- T. Ride, drive, operate or park a motorized vehicle, except on clearly defined roads, drives or parking areas **[Added 7-15-1985 by Ord. No. 26-85]**
- U. Trespass on any park or recreational area temporarily closed for maintenance and appropriately posted by the authority of the Township Committee. **[Added 4-18-1988 by Ord. No. 10-88]**
- V. Be present in a park after dusk or before dawn, either on foot or by vehicle, unless in connection with an event authorized or sponsored by the Township. **[Added 10-17-2016 by Ord. No. 11-16]**

§ 137-3. Violations and penalties. [Amended 10-15-1984 by Ord. No. 25-84; 6-15-1998 by Ord. No. 25-98; 4-16-2007 by Ord. No. 9-07]

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant hereto shall, upon conviction, be subject to the replacement, repair or restoration of any damaged park property and shall be subject, upon conviction, to the penalties provided in § 1-3 of this Code. In addition, repeat offenders may lose the right to use Township recreational facilities.

§ 137-5. Recreation fees; exemptions. [Added 3-16-1992 by Ord. No. 1-92; amended 6-15-1998 by Ord. No. 25-98]

- A. ¹ Fees for the use of Township recreation fields, other than Rock Spring Park, shall be in accordance with the following: **[Added 6-20-2011 by Ord. No. 09-11]**
 - (1) Township recreation fields, with the exception of Rock Spring Park, shall be available for use only by resident groups/organizations/leagues. For purposes of this section, "resident" shall mean that at least 80% of the participants of a youth group/organization/league and at least 50% of the participants of an adult group/organization/league are residents of the Township of Washington, Morris County. The percentage limitations set forth above shall not apply to nonresident visiting groups/organizations/leagues who are participating in a

1. Editor's Note: Former Subsection A, concerning exemption from field usage fees, as amended, was repealed 4-20-2009 by Ord. No. 04-09.

game with a resident group/organization/league.

- (2) All resident not-for-profit sports groups/organizations/leagues or other resident not-for-profit sport entities desiring to use Township recreation fields shall pay a field usage fee of \$10 per participant per season per sport due two weeks prior to the first field usage. Refunds of any overpayment will be issued upon receipt of a certified updated participant list. The field usage fees will be placed in a dedicated trust account to be used only for field maintenance or capital improvements to the recreation fields.
 - (3) If any group subject to Subsection A(2) above certifies to the Township that it has waived the registration fee that it charges to a participant based on a demonstrated hardship, the Township will waive the fee set forth in Subsection A(2) above for each such participant.
- B. Fees for the use of Rock Spring Park shall be in accordance with the following: **[Amended 7-21-2003 by Ord. No. 24-03; 4-20-2009 by Ord. No. 04-09; 6-20-2011 by Ord. No. 09-11]**
- (1) All resident (as defined in Subsection A(1) above) sport groups/organizations/leagues or other sport entities desiring to use Township recreation fields at Rock Spring Park shall pay a field usage fee of \$10 per participant per season per sport due two weeks prior to the first field usage. All nonresident sport groups/organizations/leagues or other sport entities desiring to use Township recreation fields at Rock Spring Park shall pay a field usage fee of \$20 per participant per season per sport due two weeks prior to the first field usage. Refunds of any overpayment will be issued upon receipt of a certified updated participant list. The field usage fees will be placed in a dedicated trust account to be used only for field maintenance or capital improvements to the recreation fields.
 - (2) If any group subject to Subsection B(1) above certifies to the Township that it has waived the registration fee that it charges to a participant based on a demonstrated hardship, the Township will waive the fee set forth in Subsection B(1) above for each such participant.
- C. ² All non-sports groups/organizations not subject to Subsection A(2) or B(1) above, shall pay a field usage fee of \$25 per hour for the use of Township recreation fields. **[Added 6-20-2011 by Ord. No. 09-11]**
- D. A fee of \$50 for garbage removal shall be payable, in addition to any other fee charged, for any tournament or special event, not sponsored by the Township, which is attended by more than 100 individuals per day. **[Amended 7-21-2003 by Ord. No. 24-03]**
- E. All requests by groups or organizations for use of township recreational facilities shall be made in writing on a Washington Township Facility Request Form.

2. Editor's Note: Former Subsection C, concerning reservation fees, was repealed 4-20-2009 by Ord. No. 04-09.

- F. The Recreation Director or Coordinator must be provided with a complete list of registrants, including addresses, for all programs, activities or events prior to the commencement of any program or activity. **[Amended 7-21-2003 by Ord. No. 24-03]**
- G. No later than two weeks prior to the start of the scheduled activity, all groups and organizations using township recreation facilities shall pay the required fee(s) and submit a certificate of insurance to the township evidencing general liability coverage of a minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate and naming the township as an additional insured.
- H. Use of the concession stand is at the discretion of the Recreation Director or Coordinator and is contingent upon the representative from the group or organization who will be in charge of concessions completing a food handlers course administered or approved by the Township Board of Health. The concession stand may be used only for the preparation of food and for the storage of food, serving and cleaning items. The concession stand must be left clean and undamaged when the use is terminated. A fee of \$50 per season shall be payable for the use of the concession stand. **[Amended 7-21-2003 by Ord. No. 24-03]**
- I. Pavilion rental shall be \$150 per day for residents (including not-for-profit youth groups/organizations based in Washington Township where at least 60% of the participants are residents of the Township) and \$250 per day for nonresidents and for-profit organizations. **[Added 7-21-2003 by Ord. No. 24-03]**
- J. The fees for the use of the Long Valley Dog Park shall be as follows: **[Added 7-16-2007 by Ord. No. 18-07]**
 - (1) Township residents: \$10/year.
 - (2) Nonresidents: \$15/year.