# **MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP**

# PARK RULES & REGULATIONS by Resolution # 122017.01

(The following rules supersede all previous adopted rules.)



## PARK HOURS: DAWN TO DUSK

	- ACTIVE Recreation Parks (A) -			
AUSTIN BADGER – Est. 2016	-	COBBLESTONE – Est. 2009	-	<i>WHITETAIL</i> – Est. 2006

- NATURE Parks (N) -AARON SMITH NATURE PARK – Est. 2017 - THOMAS CURRIER NATURE PARK – Closed: Est. \_\_\_\_\_ TBA

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- DEFINITIONS -

The following terms as used in the Rules and Regulations herein shall mean:

(A) Designation identifies an area for Active Recreation Park and the Rules and Regulations that apply

(N) Designation identifies an area for a Nature Park and that Rules and Regulations that apply

"Board of Trustees" is the Montville Township Board of Trustees

"Frog gigging" is the practice of hunting fish or small game with a gig or similar multi-pronged spear.

"Geocaching" is the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website

"Park Director" is the Montville Township Trustee who facilitates communication to the Board of Trustees as appointed at the Annual Organizational Meeting.

"Park Employee" is a Montville Township Employee

"Park Manager" is an employee of Montville Township appointed in the classification of Departmental Director.

"Park Officer" is a commissioned law enforcement officer of Montville Township as defined in ORC Sections 2901.01(11).

"Person" or "Persons" is the persons or corporations except employees or agents of Montville Township acting in their official capacity.

"Planning and Zoning Director" is the Montville Township Planning and Zoning Director

"Posted" is the requirement that the Park shall display appropriate regulations and operational policies at a location and in such a manner that they are reasonably accessible to Park visitors during regular hours of operations.

"Traffic control device" is the same as defined in ORC Section 4511.01(QQ).

## PERMITS AVAILABLE FROM

Montville Township Planning and Zoning Office (330) 725-8313 Monday – Wednesday 9am – 2pm and Thursday, Friday 7am – 10am or by Appointment

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# THE RULES LISTED BELOW APPLY TO ALL PARKS EXCEPT AS INDICATED BELOW:

# (A) applies to - ACTIVE Recreation Parks: Austin Badger - Cobblestone - Whitetail

# (N) applies to - NATURE Parks: Aaron Smith & Thomas Currier Nature Parks

#### 1.0 HOURS OF OPERATION AND CLOSED AREAS

#### 1.1 Hours of Operation – Dawn to Dusk

The Board of Trustees has established the hours of operation for the Parks. No person shall enter or remain within the Parks during hours when the Parks are closed unless they are participating in an authorized Township Parks' program or activity, are members of a group which has reserved a facility beyond normal operating hours, or have written permission of the Park Manager or the Board of Trustees.

#### 1.2 Special Closing of Areas

The Board of Trustees or Park Manager may close areas of the Park that have been determined to be hazardous for the public use to ensure the safety and good order of the Park, or to facilitate the management and protection of natural resources within the Park. No Person shall be permitted to enter, remain, stop, or park within the areas of any park that have been closed without written permission from the Board of Trustees.

#### 1.3 (N) - Persons Restricted to Trails

No person while walking, including but not limited to hiking and/or jogging, shall enter, wander or meander through areas of the park except in areas designated for said use. All visitors shall remain on trails.

## 1.4 Bicycles on Designated Areas Only

Bicycles are restricted to designated trails and shall not be ridden outside of designated areas except through permitted use or as approved by the Park Manager.

## 2.0 PROTECTION OF NATURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES

## 2.1 Defacement, Destruction, or Removal of Natural and Archeological Features

Persons shall utilize any Park in such a way as to not injure, deface, destroy, or remove any tree, flower, shrub, or other vegetation, or fruit or seed thereof, nor shall any rock or mineral or any historical or archeological artifact or feature be removed, destroyed or disturbed except as authorized by a special permit issued by the Board of Trustees or in keeping with operational policies which allow such activity in general picnic and other regularly mowed areas.

#### 2.2 (N) - Designation and Use of Natural Resource Conservation Areas

The Board of Trustees may designate Natural Resource Conservation Areas where off-trail activities are prohibited in order to protect rare species of plants and animals or to protect persons from dangerous natural features. Persons shall remain on the official, designated, or improved trails in the Natural Resource Conservation Areas of the Park, unless involved in a Township Park program involving off-trail activity or in accordance with a special or general permit issued by the Board of Trustees. Maps indicating the boundaries of the Natural Resource Conservation Areas shall be posted on bulletin boards in the Park.

## 2.3 Special Uses

Areas may be designated by the Park Manager for special uses including geocaching and similar recreation activities consistent with established policies and procedures.

2.4 Rocks, Minerals, Fossils or Archeological Artifacts

Removal of rocks, minerals, fossils, or archeological artifacts from park land is prohibited.

#### **3.0 ENCROACHMENT**

#### 3.1 Encroachment of Park Land

No person or persons or adjacent property owners shall encroach upon lands owned, leased or administered by Board of Trustees.

#### 3.2 Encroachment of Adjacent Lands

No person or persons utilizing park lands, trails, or other park property shall trespass from park property onto adjacent private property.

#### 3.3 Adjacent Property Privacy

No person, while within the park, shall adversely affect or interfere with adjacent property owners' rights to privacy.

## 4.0 BRINGING OF PLANTS OR ANIMALS INTO THE PARK

#### 4.1 Pets Permitted on a Leash

No Person shall bring into the Park any animals except domestic dogs or cats, which are permitted only in the picnic areas, parking areas, roadways, and on designated trails. Said pets shall be controlled at all times and on a leash not more than six feet long. Pets owners shall clean up any manure generated by their pet in the Park and shall properly dispose of the manure in receptacles provided for such purpose. Vicious and dangerous dogs are prohibited on park property.

#### 4.2 Releasing of Plants and Animals Prohibited

Persons shall not release any wild or domestic animal or injure plant, propagate, leave or introduce plants, roots, seeds or otherwise cultivate plants of any type in the park without prior written permission from the Board of Trustees.

#### 4.3 Introduction of Aquatic Animals Prohibited

No person shall add, stock, deposit or introduce fish, frogs, turtles, or any other species of aquatic animals into park or park waters unless specifically permitted by the Board of Trustees.

#### 4.4 Abandoning Animals

No person shall leave behind or otherwise abandon ANY domestic, wild, or exotic animal within or adjacent to any park.

#### 4.5 Cruelty to Animals

No person shall mistreat, cruelly beat, mutilate, or torture any animal.

## **5.0 FIREARMS OR OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPONS**

## 5.1 Firearms

No person except duly authorized Township Park Employees and law enforcement officers and those authorized by the Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.11 may carry firearms within the Park.

## 5.2 Other Dangerous Weapons

No person except duly authorized Township Park Employees and law enforcement officers shall carry, possess, discharge or otherwise use any dangerous weapon, explosive substance, air or gas gun, bow, crossbow, other missile throwing device, switchblade or hunting knife, dagger, metal knuckles, slingshot, boomerang, or other dangerous weapon, or any ammunition for any of the above, within the Park.

# 5.3 Fireworks

No person shall possess, discharge or otherwise use any fireworks, explosive device, or incendiary device of any nature within the Park.

## 5.4 Adjacent Lands Weapon Discharge

No person shall discharge any firearm of any description, arrow, or projectile, toward park property so as to alarm, endanger or injure wildlife, property, or persons in the park or adjacent property.

# 6.0 PEACE AND GOOD ORDER

# <u>6.1 Noise</u>

Persons may not use a public address device, radio, compact disc player, tape recorder, musical instrument, or other sound-producing devices in the Park if the volume is audible from more than fifty feet away or is disruptive to group events without approval from the Board of Trustees.

# 6.2 Special Events and Special Event Permits

No person shall conduct, sponsor, or promote any special event, concert, theater, athletic event, or other public activity in a Park without first obtaining a special event permit from the Board of Trustees. Persons seeking a special event permit shall submit a request in accordance with applicable policies and procedures. No event or activity sponsored or promoted by a person or organization shall be permitted if the Board of Trustees or their designated representative finds and determines it will constitute hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other Park visitors, cause a serious threat of damage to Park facilities or natural resources, endanger peace and good order in the Parks, interfere with the regular and normal use of the facilities and activities by Park visitors, or is inconsistent with the appropriate use of the Park as defined herein or by policy or directives of the Board of Trustees. Special event fees shall be paid if applicable consistent with established policies and procedures. The Planning and Zoning Director may issue special or general permits authorizing activities including the collection of registration or other fees in accordance with the rules and regulations established herein. An appeal of the decisions of the Planning and Zoning Director in regard to the issuance of special or general permits may be made in writing to the Board of Trustees within 15 days of the Planning and Zoning Director's decision for presentation at the next available Board of Trustees public meeting.

## 6.3 Use of Fee Facilities

Persons may occupy or use any facility for which a fee is customarily charged and a fee schedule has been established by resolution of the Board of Trustees by paying that fee to Montville Township and obtaining a permit for the use of the facility. At the discretion of the Board of Trustees, usage fees may be waived or reduced. Fees paid for the use of a facility may be refunded in accordance with established refund policies. Park Managers may permit use of fee facilities by the general public during times when the fee facilities are not occupied on a <u>No-Fee</u> basis.

## 6.4 Use of No-Fee Facilities

Picnic shelters and tables in non-reserve areas are available on a first come-first serve basis and may not be held for longer than one hour prior to arrival of the group. Township Park Employees may remove and dispose of any materials, supplies, and decorations left unattended.

# 6.5 Use of Intoxicants

No Person shall consume or display the presence of any alcoholic beverage, beer, wine, malt liquor, malt beverage, intoxicating liquor, or liquor in any other Park facility or area except as may be permitted through a special or general permit authorized by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with the statutes of the State of Ohio. No person shall enter or remain within the park while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverages.

# 6.6 Drugs of Abuse

No person shall sell, give, manufacture, grow, use or possess any type of illegal drug, controlled substance, or any unauthorized use of prescription medications, nor shall any person enter or remain within the park while under the influence of illegal drugs, controlled substances or any unauthorized use of prescription medications.

# 6.7 Gambling Prohibited

No person shall play, engage, or otherwise participate in any games of chance within the park.

## 6.8 Disorderly Conduct

No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm to another.

## 6.9 Unlawful Assemblage

No person or group shall gather in or adjacent to the park for any unlawful purpose or in a riotous assemblage which would annoy, harass or inflict any injury upon any person or park property.

## 6.10 Disturbing the Peace

No person shall indulge in any noisy, boisterous, or disorderly manner, or in any way disturb the peace or good order of the park and its intended peaceful use. No person shall disrupt the park by loud playing of audio equipment, noisemakers, fighting, quarreling or any riotous clamor or tumult. All persons shall refrain from the use of obscene, profane or abusive language within the park.

## 6.11 Failure to Comply

Any person who enters park property shall remain upon such property only so long as they abide by the rules and regulations, and only so long as they abide by the lawful instructions and directions of the Board of Trustees, Park Manager, Park Employees and/or a Park Officer. Any person who enters park property shall peaceably leave said property if so directed.

## 6.12 Generators

No person shall operate a generator within the Park without the expressed written permission of the Park Manager or the Board of Trustees.

# 7.0 INDECENT CONDUCT, EXPOSURE, SOLICITATION, LOITERING, OBSCENE MATERIALS

# 7.1 Indecent Conduct

No person shall appear in the park in a state of nudity or commit, perform, engage in lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent acts of behavior.

## 7.2 Solicitation

No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit anyone to engage in a sexual act, act of perversion, or any lewd, lascivious, or indecent acts of behavior.

## 7.3 Loitering

No person shall loiter in or about restroom facilities, buildings, or around vehicles within or adjacent to the park.

## 7.4 Obscene Materials

No person shall bring into the park, display, or leave behind any photograph, publication, or apparatus of lewd, lascivious, obscene, indecent, or pornographic nature.

## 8.0 COMPLIANCE WITH TOWNSHIP PARKS EMPLOYEES

# 8.1 Orders by Employees and Failure to Obey

Park Employees are authorized to issue reasonable orders or directives to Park visitors when in the employee's opinion an activity being conducted by the visitor constitutes a hazard, endangers the personal safety of the participant or other Park visitors, commits a nuisance or obstruction in the Park, causes a threat of damage to Park facilities or natural resources, or endangers peace and good order in the Parks. No person shall use abusive, profane, or insulting language toward or harass any employee of a Township Park while performing their duties. Persons violating Township Park Rules and Regulations may be directed to leave the Park for the remainder of the day by a Park Manager or Park Officer. Persons shall comply with any reasonable order or directive given in the performance of duty by any Park Manager or Park Officer.

# 8.2 Permits

No person shall fail to comply with the fee requirement or other terms and conditions of Township Park permits. No person shall fail to present a permit upon request to any Park Manager, Park Officer or law enforcement officer for verification.

# 9.0 LITTERING, FACILITY CLEANLINESS, AND DAMAGE TO PARK FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

# 9.1 Littering, Dumping, Garbage, Sewage, and Noxious Material

Persons shall not bring into, leave behind, place, drop or dump any material of any kind in any Park except the refuse, ashes, garbage, and other material of a picnic, or other permitted activity unless specific written permission from the Board of Trustees has been granted. Such material shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes. No bottles, cans, refuse or any foreign material of any description shall be deposited or thrown in any stream, waterway, pond, or lake in or adjacent to parklands.

# 9.2 Facility Cleanliness

Persons reserving any Township Parks' facility, structure, or area, shall ensure that the facility is left in a sanitary and clean condition and that person shall accept liability for any breakage, destruction, or removal of Park property by any member of their group as a condition of receiving the applicable permit.

## 9.3 Damage to Park Facilities or Equipment

Persons shall not injure, deface, destroy, disturb, or remove any property of Township Parks, including but not limited to any building, sign, equipment, or other property located within a Township Park.

## 9.4 Sewage, Noxious or Hazardous Materials

No person or corporation shall either within or outside of the park, place, dump, release, spill or discard onto lands or into any river, stream, brook, ditch, pond or lake any sewage, noxious or hazardous materials which may render park property or waters harmful to public health, animals, vegetation or aquatic life; or which may prevent, limit or interfere with the use of park property.

#### 9.5 Pollution

No person or organization shall cause or allow any burning of garbage, refuse, waste material, trash, or any other material within or adjacent to a park so as to cause contaminants, including but not limited to smoke, odor, sparks, and/or dust, to pass over, through and across the park, and cause air pollution, nuisance, or damage.

# **10.0 CONCESSIONS, ADVERTISING, SALES, PERMITS, FEES**

#### 10.1 (A) - Concessions

No person, group, organization shall sell or offer for sale any article, item, thing, privilege, or services within the park without obtaining a written permit from the Board of Trustees.

#### 10.2 Advertising, Posting Signs

No person, group, and/or organization shall expose, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice, statement, banner, emblem, or design within or upon the park without obtaining prior written permission from the Board of Trustees.

#### 10.3 Unlawful Sales, Peddling

No person shall sell, beg, peddle, or solicit within the park.

#### 10.4 Permits Required

All groups shall obtain a written permit from the Board of Trustees or their designee, for use of any of the park facilities that require permitting and make payment of any fee (if required) prior to entrance. The Board of Trustees or their designee, in their discretion, may issue permits upon application when the request is consistent with proper use and protection of park facilities and deny any request if deemed inappropriate or inconsistent with proper use of park property. Failure to obtain a written permit may result in expulsion from the park.

#### 10.5 Reservations and Fees

Facilities of the park such as shelters, designated portions of park areas and/or field areas, and the like, may be reserved for persons and organized groups upon payment of fees (if required). Failure to pay required permit fees will result in denial of use and/or expulsion from the park, in addition to future loss or denial of the use of facilities.

#### 10.6 Waiver of Fees

The Board of Trustees may authorize the waiver of fees for use of park facilities for special circumstances.

## 11.0 ADVERTISING AND SIGNS, COMMERCIAL SOLICITING OR UNLAWFUL SALES, DECORATIONS

## 11.1 Advertising and Signs

Persons shall not post any sign, advertisement or notice within the Park, except reasonable freestanding directional signs on the day of an event provided such signs are removed at the conclusion of the event. Such signs shall not be affixed to trees and shall only be placed in areas designated by the Park Manager.

#### 11.2 Decorations

Staple guns, nails or brads, screws and all other surface breaking materials are prohibited. Persons may attach decorations to shelter houses or other reserved facilities or signs provided by Township Parks for the purpose of identifying group locations using only masking tape or other non-marring adhesive. Decorations shall be removed upon vacating the shelter house or reserved facility. Decorations shall not be attached to other Park facilities or features including, but not limited to, signs, gates, and trees.

## 11.3 Commercial Solicitation or Unlawful Sales

Persons shall not beg, hawk, peddle, solicit, sell or offer for sale any article, object, privilege, or service within the Park without the express written permission of the Board of Trustees.

#### **12.0 CAMPS AND CAMPING PROHIBITED**

#### 12.1 Overnight Accommodations

No Person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the Parks.

## **13.0 FIRES AND LIMITATIONS**

#### 13.1 Limitations of Fires

The Board of Trustees may, at its discretion, prohibit fires for a limited period of time at any location or for any purpose when necessary for the protection of the Park property.

#### 13.2 Smoking Prohibited

No person shall smoke, including but not limited to cigars, pipes, cigarettes including electronic cigarettes within any park property.

#### 13.3 Lighted Matches, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Other Lighted Materials and Devices

No person shall drop, throw away, or discard any lighted material or device, including but not limited to matches, cigars, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and/or smokeless devises within or adjacent to any park property.

## 13.4 (N) - Starting of Fires

No Person shall start a fire in the Nature Reserve parks.

## 13.5 (A) - Culinary Fires

No person shall start a fire in the park except small fires for culinary purposes in park grills or in a place designated by the Board of Trustees. Any permitted fire shall be continuously attended under the care and direction of a competent person. All fires shall be completely extinguished by the person or persons responsible for starting said fire prior to leaving the vicinity.

#### 13.6 (A) - Portable Stoves or Grills

Portable stoves or grills are prohibited on picnic tables.

## 13.7 (A) - Dumping of Ashes/Fire

The dumping of any ashes or fire from portable picnic grills or park grills is prohibited.

## 14.0 HUNTING, FISHING, COLLECTING, HARASSING, HARMING, OR FEEDING WILDLIFE

## 14.1 Hunting, Trapping, Collecting, Harassing, Harming Wildlife

Persons shall not hunt, collect, pursue on foot or with dogs, use walkie-talkies, radios, planes or any vehicle, trap, or in any way harass or harm any wild bird or other animal found within the confines of any Park. No person shall rob, harass, or disturb any nest or den, or take the eggs or young of any bird or other animal without a special permit issued by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with other applicable statutes. Unless otherwise defined in these rules and regulations, the definitions set forth in Section 1531.01 of the Ohio Revised Code are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

# 14.2 Frog Gigging or Turtling Prohibited

No person within the confines of the parks shall engage in frog gigging. Taking turtles by any means is prohibited.

# 14.3 Feeding of Animals

No Person, other than Park personnel engaged in official duties, may feed any wild bird or other animal found within the confines of the Park.

# 14.4 (N) Fishing, Hours and Prohibited Equipment

Catch and Release Fishing is permitted in the designated area of Currier Park only. Fishing is prohibited in all other park waters. The Board of Trustees may establish restrictions on the use of certain fishing equipment, hours of fishing, age of user, or bait restrictions, and such restrictions shall be posted. All other state and federal fish and wildlife statutes that shall apply, including possession of a valid fishing license, if required.

## 14.5 Fishing Prohibited

Fishing is prohibited in all other park waters.

## 14.6 Incorporation of State Wildlife Laws and Orders

Unless specifically addressed, these rules and regulations are in addition to and supplement the State Wildlife orders and laws which are in force and can be found at <u>www.wildlife.ohiodnr.gov</u>.

## **15.0 ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY**

## 15.1 Disposal of Abandoned Property

Personal property, which has been left in the Park may be removed by Park Employees and stored in a place of safekeeping. Upon proper description and identification, the owner may reclaim said property within ninety days and after paying any applicable storage fees. Items not claimed within ninety days shall become the property of Township Parks and shall be disposed of.

# **16.0 SWIMMING AND FLOTATION DEVICES PROHIBITED**

## 16.1 Water Sports & Equipment Prohibited

Swimming, wading and the use of any inner tube ring, buoy, raft, air mattress, beach ball or similar novelty device of inflatable air cell construction, or any plastic foam flotation device is prohibited within the ponds and lakes and non-navigable streams and creeks managed by Township Parks

# **17.0 OTHER SPORTS ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED**

## 17.1 Snowmobiles and Sledding Prohibited

No person shall operate a snowmobile on surfaces within the park. Sledding shall not be permitted within the park.

## 17.2 Skating Prohibited

No person shall skate (no skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates or ice skates) within the park.

## <u>17.3 Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing</u>

Cross country skiing and snowshoeing may be permitted on any Park trail, except when and where prohibited by the Board of Trustees.

## 17.4 Equestrians and Mounts Prohibited

No person shall ride or walk horses in any area of the Park.

#### 17.5 Golf Prohibited

Playing, driving, chipping or putting of golf balls or the use of golf clubs/irons to clear vegetation is prohibited within the Park.

#### 17.6 Special Uses

Areas may be designated by the Park Manager for special uses including geocaching and similar recreation activities consistent with established policies and procedures.

#### 17.7 Game Safety

Playing of games or sports shall be conducted safely with the welfare of other park visitors, park property, and equipment in mind. *\*See 19.2 Non-Motorized Transportation* 

#### **18.0 NATURAL PLAY AREAS**

#### 18.1 (N) - Designation of Natural Play Areas

The Board of Trustees may designate by general permit areas of any Park as "Natural Play Areas" to allow activities that are not otherwise permitted in the Township Parks. Natural Play Areas shall be signed accordingly and applicable rules and standards of conduct shall be posted.

#### 18.2 (N) - Activities within the Natural Play Area

Within the designated Natural Play Areas, visitors may be allowed off-trail and may make use of Park resources for educational and recreational activities. Specially permitted activities include wading, playing games, catching invertebrates such as insects and crayfish, and similar activities that help promote an understanding and enjoyment of the natural world.

#### 18.3 (N) - Full Force and Effect

Except as outlined in the general permit designating Natural Play Areas, all other Township Park rules and regulations shall remain in force.

## 19.0 NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES AND NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

#### 19.1 Non-Registered Motor Vehicles

Persons shall not operate within any Park or any area associated with any Park, including all parking and or viewing areas, any motor vehicle that is not customarily registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Ohio and designated for highway travel. The use of all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, snowmobiles and other motorized recreational vehicles is prohibited except through a special use permit issued by the Board of Trustees.

#### 19.2 Non-Motorized Transportation

Bicycles, roller skates, rollerblades, skateboards, and other means of locomotion which are not specifically regulated by the Ohio Revised Code shall only be used in areas so designated by the Board of Trustees through permitted use or as approved by the Park Manager.

#### 20.0 TRAFFIC

#### 20.1 Use of Trails and Walks

Persons shall not ride, walk or allow horses, ponies or donkeys and/or operate motorized vehicles including electric personal assistive mobility devices on multi-use trails, footpaths, or bicycle paths, except Park Employees or emergency service personnel in the performance of their official duties or except as necessary for transportation by persons with disabilities. Persons shall not use any portion of any Park for non-pedestrian purposes of travel except drives, roadways, paths, walks, and trails established for such purposes.

#### 20.2 Trail Regulations

Persons shall obey all traffic control signs, lane markings, devices, and posted operational policies on trails.

#### 20.3 Driving on Closed Roads or Drives

No person shall drive upon or along any Park road or drive which has been closed or posted with appropriate signs or barricades. Park Manager shall have the authority to order roads or drives closed when in their opinion conditions render travel either unsafe or unduly destructive to the road.

#### 20.4 Operation in Willful or Wanton Disregard of Safety

Persons shall not operate vehicles within the Park in a reckless manner or without due regard for the safety of others so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any persons in the lawful use of the Park. Persons shall not operate vehicles within the Park in a manner to cause unusual or excessive noise, smoke, or marking of pavement.

#### 20.5 Storage or Repair of Vehicles Prohibited

Persons shall not leave any motor vehicle, wagon, or other vehicle within the Park after closing hours except in an emergency and only after obtaining permission from the Park Manager (330) 725-0273 or a Park Officer (330) 725-8314. Any vehicle left in the Park after closing hours without permission may be removed from the Park at the owner's expense.

Repairing or servicing of vehicles is prohibited within the Park except in an emergency and upon notification of a Park Manager or Park Officer.

#### 20.6 Vehicles Restricted to Roadways

No vehicle shall be parked or driven upon any portion of the Park except drives and roadways established for designated vehicle use.

#### 20.7 Parking

Persons shall not park or store any motor car, motor vehicle, bicycle, wagon, or other vehicle within any traveled roadway, right-of-way, drive, entrance or other areas in any Park or at any location where posted signs prohibit parking except in emergencies. Parking on grass, lawns, upon any sod, gravel, or other surface not specifically designated as a parking area, except at the direction of a Park Employee is prohibited. Persons shall park in designated parking spaces unless directed to do otherwise by Park staff.

## 20.8 Motorized Vehicles, Trail Bikes, All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Go Carts, and/or Mini Bikes Prohibited

Motorized vehicles, including but not limited to snowmobiles, trail bikes, all-terrain (ATV), all-purpose vehicles, jet skis, boats, go carts, mini bike type vehicles, motorcycles, automobiles are prohibited on any area of the park.

#### 20.9 Commercial Vehicles

Except by authority of special permit granted by the Board of Trustees, or except for authorized maintenance, deliveries of materials and supplies to Township Parks, no agricultural tractor, commercial tractor, commercial car, or semi-trailer as defined in ORC Section 4501.01(C) (D) (J) or (P) shall be operated by any person on any Park roadway, bridge or parking lot.

## 21.0 AIRCRAFT

#### 21.1 Aircraft Prohibited

Any aircraft, airships, hot-air balloons, ultra-light aircraft, hang gliders, drones or any other structure or machine designed to travel through the air may not ascend or descend in the Park except in an emergency or with the prior written permission of the Board of Trustees.

#### 22.0 POWER MODELS, AVIATION—PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED

#### 22.1 Fuel Powered Engines Prohibited

Fuel engine powered models, including but not limited to cars, boats, planes, and rockets are strictly prohibited in the park. The operation of battery and electric models, including but not limited to cars, boats, planes, or drones, are restricted in the park without written permission of the Board of Trustees prior to operation.

## PERMITS AVAILABLE FROM

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