

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPERCEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06 BY ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADAMS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADAMS, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ADAMS TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE IN THE PARKS OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY ADAMS TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Adams Township Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. 152, pursuant to which the Supervisors can, from time to time, enact rules and regulations of the Adams Township Community Park.

THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** and **ENACTED** as follows:

**ARTICLE I
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

The below listed activities are specifically prohibited on any Adams Township Park Area. Exceptions to these prohibitions will be recognized only upon the possession and presentation of a written authorization signed by the Board of Supervisors of Adams Township (hereinafter "Board"), or by the immediate direction of an Adams Township police officer.

SECTION 1 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES

- A. Driving or parking on grass areas or trails;
- B. Cleaning, polishing, greasing, lubricating or repairing;
- C. Landing any aircraft, except for emergency equipment for rescue or as previously authorized by the Board.
- D. All motorized vehicles and bicycles from walking trails.

**SECTION 2 – SHRUBS, FLOWERS, TREES, GRASS,
TURF, SOIL OR ROCK FORMATIONS**

- A. Picking, cutting, breaking, digging or injuring in any way.

SECTION 3 – BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR PARK FACILITIES

- A. Damaging, defacing or misusing in any way.

SECTION 4 – WASTE PAPER, GARBAGE AND REFUSE

- A. Scattering or depositing except in appropriate receptacles.
- B. Failing to clean up and place all picnic waste paper, garbage and refuse in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- C. Depositing in park receptacles waste paper, garbage or reuse brought from outside the park.

SECTION 5 – ANIMALS AND BIRDS

- A. Molesting, trapping, hunting, killing or injuring in any way.
- B. Abandoning animals or birds within the park.

SECTION 6 – LAKES, STREAMS AND FOUNTAINS

- A. Wading or swimming.
- B. Discharging of any types of waste or toxic materials into or otherwise contaminating any lake, stream or fountain.

SECTION 7 – ADVERTISING

- A. Posting or distributing any notices, advertisements or handbills.

SECTION 8 – WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

- A. Possession or discharge of a firearm or weapons.
- B. Possession or selling fireworks or explosive devices or the launching of rockets.

SECTION 9 – MERCHANDISING

- A. Offering, distributing, supplying, renting or selling any literature, commodity, articles, material, equipment, service or supply, except for those doing so pursuant to Article II, Sections 1 and 2.

SECTION 10 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- A. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in any area of the Adams Township Park Area is prohibited, except as specifically permitted pursuant to Article II, Section 4, below.

SECTION 11 – NOISE

- A. Regulation of sound level as per Ordinance No. 44, amended by No. 92, is incorporated herein as a part hereof.

SECTION 12 – BOTTLED BEVERAGES

- A. All beverages in glass containers are prohibited.

SECTION 13 – ANIMALS

- A. Animals are prohibited to be brought to any Adams Township Park Area, except dogs and cats on leash.
- B. Dog and cat owners must remove fecal material (poop) excreted by the dog or cat in their charge onto Park property and deposited by the owner or caretaker in a proper sanitary facility.

ARTICLE II ACTIVITIES REQUIRING A PERMIT

The below listed activities are permitted where proper application for a permit is made and accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 1 – SALES OF FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

- A. Food and refreshments may be sold by concessionaries under the provisions of their respective concession agreements.
- B. If food and refreshments concessionaries are unwilling to provide such service at special events, the holders of the appropriate special event permits must provide that service for the public subject to the provisions set forth by the Board.

SECTION 2 – PUBLIC GATHERINGS

- A. Meetings, assembles, parades or related forms of public gatherings are to be permitted upon possession and presentation of a written authorization signed by the Board.

SECTION 3 – USE OF PERMIT FACILITIES

- A. Permits obtained from the Board are requiring to reserve buildings, shelters, groves, athletic fields and other facilities.

**SECTION 4 – POSSESSION AND
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

- A. A permit for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages can be obtained from the Township for an additional fee established from time to time by the Township in its fee resolution. The grant of a permit is subject to the following additional regulations:
1. A permit holder must be an adult individual, 21 years of age or older, who is a resident of Adams Township and not an organization or group. The applicant shall provide the name of the group he or she is representing, if any.
 2. Alcoholic beverages may only be used or consumed in conjunction with a shelter rental. No alcoholic beverages can be consumed prior to or after the shelter rental period. Alcoholic beverages may only be possessed and consumed within 30 feet of a shelter. Under no circumstances may alcohol be possessed or consumed on or near a ballfield, a park trail or other park facility at any time.
 3. No vending of alcoholic beverages is permitted.
 4. No glass bottles or glass containers are permitted in the park. No containers in excess of 15.5 gallons (1/2 keg) are permitted in the park.
 5. The permit holder is responsible for the actions of all individuals who consume alcoholic beverages at a shelter. Excessive use of alcohol and/or the disturbance and annoyance of others, including excessive loud noise, constitutes a basis for the immediate suspension of the alcohol permit and/or the shelter permit and expulsion of the parties from the facility, all at the sole discretion of the Adams Township Police.
 6. Any damages or additional cleaning expenses incurred by the Township as a result of the permit holder will be charged to the permit holder. Failure to pay such fees is a violation of this ordinance.
 7. The Township reserves the right to refuse to grant an alcohol permit to any individual or group of individuals who have either: previously created a disturbance, possessed or consumed alcohol outside of the 30 foot perimeter, created additional cleaning costs, and/or violated any other provision of these or any other park rules.
 8. The alcohol permit must be kept at the shelter during the shelter rental period and provided to the Adams Township Police upon request.

**ARTICLE III
REGULATED ACTIVITIES**

The below listed activities are permitted on any Adams Township Park Area, but are subject to the regulations indicated herein and those conspicuously posted in the appropriate area, which may be adopted or amended from time to time by the Board by resolution.

SECTION 1 – RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- A. Picnicking, kite flying, volleyball, skating or rollerblading, bicycling, skiing, sledding, baseball, softball, basketball, football, horseshoe pitching, model powered plan flying and related and similar forms of recreation are permitted only in areas designed for such use and in no case shall such use be permitted in areas where park facilities or areas may be injured.

SECTION 2 – FIRES

- A. Fires are permitted only in stoves, fireplaces, grills or similarly designed areas and facilities and must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the area.
- B. Matches, cigars, cigarettes and charcoal must be thoroughly extinguished before being disposed of.

**ARTICLE IV
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1 – PARK HOURS

- A. Park hours are from dawn to dusk, daily. No persons shall remain in park areas between dusk to dawn, except for special activities authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

**ARTICLE V
PENALTIES**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof shall pay a civil penalty of not more than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars nor less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, plus costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Township pursuant to Ordinance No. 152. Each violation hereunder shall constitute a separate offense and subject to a separate penalty as provided herein. Any person convicted of three or more violations of this Ordinance within a three year period may be banned from the use of Park facilities by motion of the Board of Supervisors.

**ARTICLE VI
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Resolution shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

RESOLVED and ENACTED this 27th day of March, 2017.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:

ATTEST:

Janet L. Luchini
Township Secretary

(Township Seal)

By: Donald E. Cohen
Chairman

By: John E. Lee
Vice Chairman Supervisor

By: Thomas P. Francoboni
Supervisor Vice chairman

By: Edward L. Vogel
Supervisor

By: [Signature]
Supervisor