

PARKS AND RECREATION

Section 1. Permit required; fee.

Any group of five (5) or more persons wishing to use a park for recreation or social purposes or to conduct a rally or other gathering of individuals shall first obtain a permit for use of a park completing an application for a permit for use of a park and mailing the application to or delivering the application to the Borough Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which the applicant desires to use the park. The application shall be accompanied by payment of an application fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.), which fee shall be paid to the Borough Secretary simultaneously with submission of the application for the permit for use of a park.

Section 2. Issuance of a permit.

Upon receipt of a completed application for a permit for use of a park and the application fee required by Section 1 above, the Chairman of the Recreation Committee or the person designated by the Recreation Committee shall issue a permit for use of a park within six (6) days and mail or deliver the permit to the applicant on that day or the following day.

Section 3. Designation of recreation centers.

The Elementary School Field is designated as a recreation center.

Section 4. Permitted use of recreation centers.

A recreation center shall be used only for the holding of an athletic contest or sporting event.

Section 5. Permit required for use of recreation center; proof of insurance; fee.

Any person or persons desiring to use a recreation center to conduct any type of athletic contest or sporting event of any kind shall first obtain a permit for use of a recreation center by completing an application for a permit for use of a recreation center and by mailing or delivering the application to the Borough Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the applicant desires to use the recreation center. Simultaneously with submission of the application, the applicant shall pay the application fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.) and shall provide to the Borough Secretary proof that the person or persons desiring to use a recreation center to conduct an athletic contest or sporting event of any kind have obtained public liability insurance in an amount not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.) which provides coverage for any injury sustained by any person or persons while participating in the sporting event or athletic contest.

Section 6. Issuance of recreation center permit.

Upon receipt by the Borough Secretary of a completed application for a permit for use of a recreation center, the application fee and proof of public liability insurance as set forth in section 5 above, the Chairman of the Recreation Committee or such other person as designated by the Recreation Committee shall review the application and either issue the requested permit or deny the request for issuance of the permit within forty (40) days of the receipt by the Borough Secretary of the completed application, application fee and proof of public liability insurance. On the next day following the issuance or denial of the permit, the Borough Secretary shall mail to or deliver to the applicant the required permit or a letter advising the applicant that the request for a permit has been denied.

Section 7. Standards for issuance of recreation center permit.

In determining whether to issue a permit for use of a recreation center, the Chairman of the Recreation Committee shall not issue the requested permit if the use by the applicant would be during a period of time when another applicant has previously been granted a permit for use of a recreation center; the requested use is to begin earlier than 8:00 a.m. or to cease later than 10:00 p.m.; and/or the requested use is likely to result in damage to the recreation center.

Section 8. Permitted use of playgrounds.

A playground shall be used only for the purpose of playing basketball within the fence surrounding the basketball court or for the purpose of using the swings and other recreational equipment provided in the playground. No permit shall be required for use of a playground.

Section 9. Prohibited acts.

The regulations set forth below governing the use of parks, playgrounds and recreational centers within the Borough are hereby adopted:

- A. No person shall sell, use, possess or transport any drugs, paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages and/or intoxicating liquor within the limits of any park or playground.
- B. No person shall gamble in any form.
- C. No person shall wash, clean, polish or repair any vehicle or any other article or item of personal property.
- D. No person shall ignite, kindle or drop any fire of any kind at any time except when authorized by the Borough Council.

- E. No person shall park or operate any motorized vehicle of any kind, including but not limited to a truck, bus, car, motorcycle, minibike or all-terrain vehicle, except when authorized by the Borough Council.
- F. No person shall indulge in any threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language or commit any obscene, indecent or disorderly act or commit any nuisance.
- G. No person shall conduct or participate in any games, athletic activities, sports, etc., except in designated areas, and such activities are subject to such rules and regulations prescribed by the Borough Council.
- H. No person shall ride or lead or graze any horse or pony except by permission. No person shall allow any dog for which he/she is the owner or possessor to be at large at any time.
- I. No person shall disturb, annoy, strike, injure or kill any animal or bird.
- J. No person shall cut, break, injure, mutilate, remove or deface trees, shrubs, plants, turf, buildings, structures, signs, placards, streams, fountains, springs or any other park, playground or recreation center property. Including sand, stones, clays or minerals.
- K. No person shall possess any firearms, knives, air guns, BB guns, slingshots or any other type of weapons.
- L. No person shall erect or maintain or distribute any signs, advertisements, circulars or other printed matter without permission of Borough Council and/or the Recreation Committee of the Borough.
- M. No person shall collect or solicit any funds or distribute any literature without the permission of the borough Council and/or the Recreation Committee of the Borough.
- N. No person shall sell or offer for sale any articles of any kind or any food except when authorized by the Borough Council or the Recreation Committee of the Borough.
- O. No person shall participate in group activities other than normal park activities. No swimming or wading is allowed.
- P. No camping, hunting or trapping is allowed without specific permission from Borough Council and/or the Recreation Committee of the Borough.
- Q. No person shall bring into or deposit any trash, refuse, earth, building material or similar material into any park, playground or recreation center.

- R. No person shall deposit any refuse incidental to the property and authorized use of the parks, playgrounds and recreational centers except in containers provided for the purpose.
- S. No person shall golf at any time.
- T. No person shall expose themselves, excrete or urinate at any time in any park, recreation center or playground.
- U. No person shall conduct or participate in any games, athletic activities, sports, group activities, etc., except in designated areas and without first obtaining a permit form from the Recreation Committee Chairman or a designated person, at a fee to be determined by the Borough Council.
- V. No person or persons shall use any park or playground before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. No person shall use any recreation center before 8:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.
- W. The Borough Council and/or the Recreation Committee of the Borough may, by resolution, adopt additional regulations governing the use of the parks, playgrounds and recreation centers and impose such fees therefore as they deem appropriate.

Section 10. Violations and penalties.

Whoever violates any regulation set forth in this chapter or any provision of rule or regulation adopted by the Borough Council or Recreation Committee of the Borough, pursuant to the authority granted by law, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.), and costs, and in default thereof, shall be imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days.

This is a sample ordinance. We suggest that it be modified, as appropriate, to fit the needs of your borough. We also suggest that all proposed ordinances be reviewed by your solicitor. Although these are samples of ordinances which have been adopted by other municipalities, the Association cannot assume responsibility for ensuring their legality. We are pleased to provide this service free of charge to our members. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us: **PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES**, 2941 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. 717-236-9526.