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§16-101. Definitions.

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

PARKLANDS — tracts acquired by the Borough of Ambler for public use, including playgrounds and open spaces kept in their natural state.

VEHICLES — any motorized device for carrying passengers or goods.

(Ord. 1034, 2/17/2009)

§16-102. Rules and Regulations.

The following rules and regulations are set forth for the use of the parklands in the Borough of Ambler:

- A. No person or persons without a special permit shall be allowed in the parklands except between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
- B. Persons shall enter and leave a park by the entrance and exits provided for that purpose.
- C. No vehicle shall be used or parked in any roadway or section of the parklands except in areas designated for such purposes. No person may operate any recreational vehicle within any Borough of Ambler park. "Recreational vehicle" shall mean any hot-air balloon, minibike, dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), off-road vehicle (ORV) or other form of motorcycles or any snowmobiles.
- D. The washing or repair of any motor vehicle shall not be permitted.
- E. Intoxicating beverage shall not be sold or distributed or consumed except under special permit in certain designated park areas.
- F. Intoxicated persons shall not be permitted in a park.
- G. Gambling or any obscene or indecent act shall not be permitted.
- H. Abusive, indecent or threatening language or any conduct that may annoy shall not be permitted.

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- I. No person or persons shall in any way injure, foul, pollute or deface any building, equipment, signs and standards or water.
- J. No person or persons shall cut, remove, injure or destroy flowers, plants, wildflowers, shrubbery or trees. This includes downed trees cut up for firewood. No person or persons shall erect any structures or install plant material on parkland or assume parkland for personal use.
- K. Pet animals, including but not limited to dogs, cats and horses, shall not be permitted.
- L. No person shall scatter or drop or leave litter except in receptacles provided for that purpose. No dumping of household, construction, commercial or landscape debris in receptacles or on parkland for removal by the Borough of Ambler is permitted.
- M. No person shall deface or destroy any notices, rules or regulations for the regulation of a park system posted or in any manner permanently fixed within the limits of the same.
- N. No person shall annoy, strike, injure, maim or kill any animals or birds.
- O. Fires are allowed in parks only with a special event permit. A certificate of insurance payable to the Borough of Ambler and waiver of liability shall be required. All fires must be extinguished before leaving a site.
- P. Scheduling and Permits.
 - (1) Any individual or group of individuals desiring the privilege of having the exclusive or special use of all or portions of any park area, ground, building, athletic field or other recreational facility shall schedule such use with and obtain a permit from the Borough of Ambler. Individuals or groups desiring to conduct organized activities on park grounds shall schedule such activities with and obtain a permit from the Borough of Ambler.
 - (2) Scheduling and permit application shall be made with the Borough Manager at least two business days before the date of desired use. Established fees, security deposits and/or required certificates must be paid and/or filed with the Borough Manager at the time the permit application is submitted for approval and scheduling.
 - (3) Any individual or group of individuals using a park facility to the exclusion of others without a permit shall remove themselves from the facility upon request by a properly scheduled and permitted user or authorized Borough of Ambler official or staff member.

- (4) No permit shall be issued for a use that violates Borough of Ambler regulations regarding the use of park facilities. The Borough reserves the right to revoke any permit if those using the park pursuant to the permit violate Borough regulations. The Borough further reserves the right to limit the number of permits issued if the capacity of the facilities is exceeded.
 - (5) These regulations do not apply to minor children engaged in ordinary and customary play, except that children must remove themselves from a park facility upon request by a properly scheduled and permitted user or authorized Borough official or staff member.
- Q. When possible, Borough of Ambler residents shall be charged lesser fees than nonresidents for the use of park facilities and for participation in recreation programs.
- R. Activities and Games.
 - (1) Activities and games shall only take place in areas designated for such. Individuals or groups using parklands, with or without Borough permission, are responsible for any damage done to turf or equipment.
 - (2) No person shall use parkland for the purpose of a golf driving or practice range.
- S. Soliciting Prohibited.
 - (1) There shall be no soliciting of any kind, including the sale or vending of food, on parklands or at Borough of Ambler recreational programs except by permit issued by the Borough.
 - (2) Use of any park facility or section of a park facility for commercial or profit-making activities without a special permit issued by the Borough of Ambler is prohibited.
- T. All public parks and recreational areas, including but not limited to fields, tennis and basketball courts, trails and pavilions, shall be used only for their intended purpose and no other unless a special permit has been issued by the Borough.
- U. Smoking, which is defined as the carrying by a person of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device, is prohibited anywhere within Riccardi Park, Knight Park, Pickering Field, Jean Thompson Park, Locust Street Park, and Ambler Borough Park.

(Ord. 1034, 2/17/2009)

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§16-103. Trespassing on Residential Lands.

There shall be no trespassing on adjacent lands of residents or harassment of the owners thereof.

(Ord. 1034, 2/17/2009)

§16-104. Enforcement.

The Borough Manager or Parks and Recreation Director shall exercise general supervision over persons occupying or using the parks and over the care, maintenance and replacement of Borough property and equipment in the parks and shall keep such property and equipment in a clean and sanitary condition. In addition, the Police Department is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Part.

(Ord. 1034, 2/17/2009)

§16-105. Fees.

Ambler Borough Council may from time to time, by resolution, adopt a schedule of fees and charges and other use regulations for Borough facilities.¹

(Ord. 1034, 2/17/2009)

§16-106. Additional Rules.

The Borough Manager, Chief of Police and Parks and Recreation Director shall have the right to promulgate regulations from time to time not inconsistent with the rules set forth in this Part.

(Ord. 1034, 2/17/2009)

§16-107. Violations and Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this Part shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, pay a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and costs of prosecution. All prosecutions for violations under this Part shall be brought in the name of the Borough of Ambler, and all fines shall be paid to the Borough of Ambler and shall be applied to the general funds of the Borough.

(Ord. 1034, 2/17/2009)

¹ Editor's Note: The current resolution is on file in the office of the Borough Secretary.