

**WARREN COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BYLAWS AND RULES AS AMENDED JULY 31, 1997**

1.0 DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL, OR DISTURBANCE OF EQUIPMENT, AND NATURAL FEATURES.

1.1 Defacement, destruction, removal. No person shall remove, injure, deface disturb or destroy any part of the Park nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation or part thereof, or rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed. Collection of natural materials is prohibited except for educational purposes and scientific study by written permit from the Director.

1.2 Defacement of roadway surface. No person shall intentionally accelerate a motor vehicle causing the rubber tires to spin, mark or deface the Park roadway surface.

2.0 LITTER, DUMPING, GARBAGE, REFUSE, SEWAGE AND WASTE MATERIAL.

2.1 Litter, garbage, refuse, sewage, and waste material. No person, without the specific written consent of the Director, shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, in any part of the Park, any litter, garbage, refuse, ashes, sewage, materials whatsoever, otherwise than in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes.

2.2 Dumping. No person shall bring into or cause to be brought into the Park from outside Park boundaries, any garbage, refuse, ashes, sewage or waste materials for depositing in any manner within the Park except the garbage, refuse, ashes, or other materials of a picnic, camp, or other activity permitted within the Park, nor dump any earth within the Park.

2.3 Stream Litter. No person shall, either within or without the Park, discharge into, throw, cast, lay, drop or leave in any river, brook, stream, storm sewer, or drain into or through the Park or into any river, to any river, brook, or stream flowing into or through the Park, any substance, matter or thing, either liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of the river, brook, or stream within the Park, to such an extent as to reasonably or improperly prevent or interfere with the conservation of the natural resources of the Park, by preventing, interfering with, or lessening, to an improper or unreasonable degree, the use of said river, brook, or stream for recreational or other proper Park uses, or to endanger the health of visitors in the Park in the proper use and enjoyment of the same.

3.0 FIRES.

3.1 Rules for using fires. No person shall start a fire in the Park except small fires for cooking purposes in the Park grills, or privately owned grills, or fires in places or designated areas approved for such purpose, without written consent from the Director. The Director may at his discretion prohibit fires or smoking for limited periods at any location or for any purpose when necessary for the protection of park property. All fires shall be put out by the person or persons starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire. The dumping of hot ashes or fire from portable picnic grills onto the grass, plants, or into trash receptacles is prohibited.

4.0 HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING, AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE.

4.1 Hunting, trapping, and molesting wildlife. No person within the confines of the Park, unless

authorized by written permit of the Director, shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, molest, harm, harass, injure, or take any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the Park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird.

4.2 Fishing. No person shall fish in any waters in the park in a manner contrary to regulations resolved by the Board or in water where fishing is prohibited by the Board.

5.0 DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

5.1 Herding, grazing, driving, permitting to run at large. No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the Park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or any other animal, or any poultry or other fowl, without the specific written permit of the Board.

5.2 Dogs, cats and other household pets. Pets are allowed on leashes no longer than six feet in length only. They must be kept under physical control and not be a nuisance to other park visitors. Pet owners are responsible to remove their pet's fecal deposits from the park grounds. (Updated Sept. 2010) Special permission may be granted by the Park Director for law enforcement agents or others authorized by the Park Director in writing, for limited special purposes to aid law enforcement or otherwise benefit the park. This rule does not apply to dogs that are certified for use to assist the handicapped.

5.3 Horseback riding. No person except authorized agents of the Board shall ride any horse or other animal within the Park, except upon designated bridle paths or in Parks designated and established for horseback riders and in accordance with the rules adopted by the Board.

6.0 WEAPONS, FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, AND BOWS AND ARROWS. (updated July 18, 2012)

6.1 Weapons, firearms, fireworks, explosives. No person, except Rangers, Peace Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and authorized employees or agents of the Board shall possess or discharge a firearm contrary to state law (Rev. Code 2923.11 through 2923.1213). No person, except Rangers, Peace Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and authorized employees or agents of the Board shall possess a deadly weapon, dangerous ordnance, blowgun, air rifle, sling shot, or missile throwing device, within the Parks or discharge any deadly weapon, dangerous ordnance, fireworks, explosives, sling shot, or air rifle therein, without specific written permit from the Director.

6.2 Bows and arrows. No person shall have or possess on park property a bow, crossbow or blowgun intended to shoot arrows or darts nor release an arrow or dart from a bow, blowgun, crossbow, longbow, or other weapon, within or into the Park other than in areas designated by the Director.

7.0 DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

A. No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another, by doing any of the following.

(1) Engaging in fighting, in threatening harm to persons or property, or in violent or turbulent behavior;

7.1 Failure to obey. No person shall fail to comply or refuse to comply with any reasonable order relating to the regulations, directions, or control of traffic, or to any other order, lawfully given by any Ranger, Peace Officer, Law Enforcement Officer or any other official in the lawful execution of their office.

7.2 Specialized fee program or activities. All persons who take part in any specialized activities, of which there is a fee, rental, or admission charge, must abide by the posted regulations by the Board for those specialized activities. No persons shall be allowed within the confines of the specialized activities unless they have paid the fee, rental or admission charge.

7.3 Unlawful Assemblage. No person or persons shall collect in bodies or crowds for unlawful purposes or in riotous assemblage or with intent to annoy, harass, or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person, persons or park property.

7.4 Assault. No person shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another while within the Park, or be engaged in, or abet, or aid in any fight, quarrel or other disturbance.

7.5 Abusive Language. No person shall use obscene, profane or abusive language while in the Park.

7.6 Noisy and/or boisterous conduct.

A. No person shall indulge in any noisy, or boisterous conduct, nor shall any person use any sound amplification device audible more than twenty (20) feet from the device without specific written permit from the Director.

B. No person, while voluntarily intoxicated shall do either of the following:

(1) In a public place or in the presence of two or more persons, engage in conduct likely to be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities, which conduct the offender, if were not intoxicated, should know is likely to have such effect on others;

(2) Engage in conduct or create a condition, which presents a risk of physical harm to himself or another, or to the property of another.

7.7 Solicit unlawful sales. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the Park, without a permit from the Board, and no person shall do any begging, hawking, peddling, or solicitation therein.

(2) Making unreasonable noise or offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person;

(3) Insulting, taunting, or challenging another, under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to provoke a violent response;

(4) Hindering or preventing the movement of persons on a public street, road, highway, or right of way, or to, from, within, or upon public or private property; so as to interfere with the rights of others, and by any act which serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender;

(5) Creating a condition which is physically offensive to persons or which presents a risk of physical harm to persons or property, by any act, which serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender.

B. No person, while voluntarily intoxicated shall do either of the following:

(1) In a public place or in the presence of two or more persons, engage in conduct likely to be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities, which conduct the offender, if were not intoxicated, should know is likely to have such effect on others;

(2) Engage in conduct or create a condition, which presents a risk of physical harm to himself or another, or to the property of another.

7.8 Loitering. No person or group of persons shall loiter in or near any building, toilet, or structures; nor loiter in or near a motor vehicle or vehicles, or on or about a motorcycle or cycles, or on or about bicycles within the Park.

7.9 Games of Chance. No persons shall play at games of chance within the Park.

7.10 Beer and Intoxicating Liquor. No person shall do not possess nor consume an open container of beer, intoxicating liquor or other alcoholic beverage within the Parks “Except at Warren county Armco park”, where alcohol beverages sold by the Park District may be possessed and consumed within the park. (updated November 18, 2009)

7.11 Controlled Substance. No person shall possess, obtain, nor use a controlled substance, nor use a controlled substance, as defined by Section 2925.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, within the Park.

7.12 Harmful intoxicants. No person shall sniff, breathe, or otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, any product containing a harmful intoxicant as defined by Section 2925.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

7.13 Indecent Conduct and Exposure. No person shall appear in the Park in a state of nudity, or commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior, and no person shall make any indecent exposure of his or her person.

7.14 Solicitation. No person shall solicit sexual acts or solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior.

8.0 PRESERVATION OF GOOD ORDER IN THE PARKS.

8.1 Unlawful Public Events. No individual or organization shall have, conduct, sponsor, or promote any public activity in the Parks of the Warren County Park District without prior authorization of the Board of Park Commissioners. No event or activity sponsored or promoted by any individual or organization shall be permitted if in the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners it will constitute hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other Park visitors; endangers peace and good order in the Parks; interferes with the regular and normal use of the facilities and activities by Park visitors; or which is inconsistent with the use of the Park lands for Park purposes.

9.0 POSTING, DISPLAYING SIGNS.

9.1 Posting, Displaying Signs Prohibited. No person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design, within the Park, without specific permit from the Board.

9.2 Painting or defacing Park Buildings or Property. The unauthorized painting or defacing of park property, buildings equipment or signs shall be strictly prohibited. Violators shall be subject to a fine of \$500 for the first and each subsequent offense.

10.0 CAMPS AND CAMPING.

10.1 Camping, Lodging Without Permission. No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place within the Park, without specific written permit from the Director, except in locations especially set aside by the Board as camps.

11.0 WATER ORIENTED ACTIVITIES: SWIMMING, WADING AND BOATING.

11.1 Swimming and Wading. No person shall swim, bathe, wade, nor enter into any waters in the Park where prohibited, or in a manner contrary to regulations prescribed by the Board.

11.2 Boats, Canoes, and Watercraft. No person shall place any boat, canoe, raft, or other watercraft of any type upon or in any lake or pond within the boundaries of the Park without specific written permission from the Director except for boats owned and operated by the Board or miniature toy watercraft.

12.0 ENGINE POWERED MINIATURE MODEL SAND TOYS. (updated November 18, 2009)

12.1 Powered Model Toys Prohibited. Powered miniature models such as toy airplanes, boats and cars, are not permitted to be operated in the Parks except in areas designated by the Director.

13.0 SNOWMOBILES, SLEDDING, SKIING, AND SKATING.

13.1 Snowmobiles Permitted in Designated Areas Only. No person shall operate a self-propelled vehicle, which is designed to travel on snow, or ice covered surfaces within the Park other than in areas designated by the Director as "Snowmobile" areas.

13.2 Sledding, Skating, and Skiing. No person shall sled, ski, or ice skate within the Park in areas designated by the Director as unsafe.

14.0 TRAFFIC.

14.1 Speed. No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the Park any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than twenty (20) miles per hour, or at a speed that will permit stopping said vehicle within the assured clear distance.

14.2 Parking. No person shall park or store any motor car, motor vehicle, motor cycle, bicycle, wagon or other vehicle within any traveled roadway in the Park, or at any location where posted signs prohibit parking, or upon any sod, gravel, or other surface not specifically designated for parking, except in places and at such times designated by the Board for such purposes.

14.3 Purpose of Way. No portion of the Park shall be used for purpose of way, except drives, roadways, paths, walks, and trails established for such purposes, and footpaths or walks designated and established for pedestrian travel shall not be used for vehicular travel.

14.4 Reckless Driving. No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any Park road in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of pedestrians and drivers, and all other occupants of any vehicles.

14.5 Unauthorized Vehicles. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any Park road, any truck, commercial car, trailer, semi trailer, pole trailer, bus, or commercial tractor, unless authorized by the Board to make deliveries within the Park, or unless engaged in work in the Park that has been contracted for with the Board, or unless delivering or picking up persons using a truck or trailer as transportation to or from the Park area.

14.6 Go-karts, All-terrain Motor Vehicles and Non-registered Motor Vehicles. No person shall operate within the Park a go-kart, all-terrain motor vehicle or motor vehicle normally considered a race car or any other type of motor vehicle which is not customarily registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, or those not permitted for use on public highways in accordance with the Ohio Department of Highway Safety.

14.7 Posted Traffic Regulations. No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any Park road without complying with all traffic signs and all posted traffic regulations.

14.8 No person shall test or repair any vehicle or mechanical device in the Park.

15.0 ENCROACHMENT ON PARK PROPERTY.

15.1 Encroachment Prohibited. No person or persons shall willingly encroach upon lands owned or administered by the Warren County Board of Park Commissioners.

16.0 HOURS OF USE AND CLOSING OF PARKS.

16.1 Dark to 7:00 A.M. Curfew. No person shall be permitted to remain within the confines of a Park between dark and 7:00 A.M. prevailing local time without specific permission from the Director.

16.2 Temporary Closing. The Director may temporarily close, alter, modify or control entry or use upon any lands or waters or any portion thereof when it has been deemed necessary by him and in his absolute discretion for public safety, conduct, health, or order.

16.3 Special Curfew During Open Hours. No person shall be permitted to remain within the confines of a Park, which has been closed, by the Director, Ranger, Peace Officer, Law Enforcement Officer, or other official in the execution of their office.

17.0 SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS AND HIRING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES.

In hiring or contracting for professional, technical, consulting, or other special services, the board of Park Commissioners of the Warren County Park District may, after considering the competence, ability, and availability of any person, firm, or corporation, and the recommendation of the Director, approve the hiring of any such person, firm, or corporation, and authorize the contract therewith. Such contract may be in the form of a written acceptance of a proposal submitted to the Board by such person, firm, or corporation.

18.0 TERMS.

The term "Park" as used herein, means any land owned or administered by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Warren County Park District.

The term "Board" means the Board of Park Commissioners of the Warren County Park District.

The term "Director" means the chief executive officer appointed by, and answerable to the Board of Park Commissioners of the Warren County Park District.

The term "Person" includes natural persons and corporations.

19.0 SPECIAL RULES FOR HIKING AND MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS AT LANDEN

DEERFIELD PARK.

19.1 Trails are for hiking and mountain biking only.

19.2 No motorized vehicles. No horses or pets at any time.

19.3 Be careful at all times, especially on steep paths and creek crossings.

19.4 Bikers must wear protective helmets at all times.

19.5 All trails are one-way. Follow trail markers, signs, or park trail map.

19.6 Trails are automatically closed when wet, icy, slippery or unsafe for any reason. Watch for fallen tree limbs and debris. Do not use wet or slippery trails at any time.

19.7 Bikers watch for hikers, be careful and courteous. Hikers, step off trail to let bikers pass.

19.8 Stay on trails. Do not disturb or injure plants or animals.

19.9 USE CAUTION! Trails are free for recreational use at user's risk. They follow natural earth contours and do not disturb the natural environment or wild animal habitat. Trails and creek crossings are natural, not engineered or built for speed or safety of travel. Children must be supervised at all times.

20.0 CLOSURE OF PARKS WITHOUT NOTICE.

The Warren County Park Director or the Warren County Park Commissioners may, without notice and at his, her or their absolute discretion, close any park or portion or area thereof or limit the use of any park or portion thereof, for any reason relating to the health, safety, welfare, or security of patrons, employees or property, or for park maintenance or preservation of property, condition, environment or habitat.

21.0 VIOLATION OF PARK RULE PENALTIES.

Any person violating any of the foregoing bylaws, rules and regulations and any amendment or additions thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not as specified herein, not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each second or further offense.

22.0 EFFECTIVE DATE.

These bylaws, rules and regulations shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law. ORC 1125(21)122.