

ORDINANCE NO: 391

**BOROUGH OF HARMONY**

**BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HARMONY, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HARMONY, BUTLER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA**

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Harmony, Butler County, Pennsylvania (the "Borough"), the Borough has determined it necessary to establish rules and regulations relating to public parks and recreation areas located within the Borough.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough of Harmony, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same as follows:

**SECTION I:**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations shall be applicable to all Harmony Borough Parks and Recreation Areas that have been designated as so by the Harmony Borough Council.

**A. Hours.**

All park public open spaces and recreation areas shall be open to the public between the hours of 6:00 AM to Dusk, and no person or persons shall be in, on, or about the above premises during the prohibited time. The exception to the hours would be to individuals or groups that have a permit for the pavilions with a closing time of 11:00 PM.

**B. Parking.**

1. Motor vehicles may not be parked within the park or public open spaces and recreational areas; except in designated parking areas.
2. No vehicles shall be parked overnight without the approval of Harmony Borough.

**C. Grass areas.**

Grass areas must not be used for roadways.



**D. Automobile and vehicular use:**

1. Unauthorized motor vehicles, whether licensed or unlicensed, including motorbikes, minibikes, snowmobiles, golf carts and all-terrain vehicles, are not permitted within the park and recreation areas. Licensed motorcycles are permitted on roadways and parking areas.
2. All vehicles are restricted to roadways and approved parking areas except those used for maintenance or police work.
3. No person shall polish, paint, grease, lubricate or repair mechanically any vehicle or have any other work performed on it within the confines of the park and recreation areas.
4. Harmony Borough shall regulate speed, traffic control and vehicular regulations on and about any roads, driveways, parking areas or other areas within the park and recreation areas. Such regulations will be prominently posted in the park and recreation areas and will be strictly enforced by the police.

**E. The following activities and uses are prohibited:**

1. Camping
2. Hunting
3. Shooting
4. Trapping
5. The possession or use of firearms, air rifles, spring guns, bow and arrows, slingshots, BB guns or rifles or darts.
6. Destruction of or interference with wildlife or their feeding grounds, nests or resting or breeding places.
7. Open burning
8. Private gardens
9. Organized team and/or league sports except with written approval from Harmony Borough.
10. Unprescribed drugs. Possession of unprescribed drugs is prohibited in any park and recreational area, open space or recreation area of Harmony Borough.
11. Alcoholic beverages and use of tobacco.

**F. Animal Control.**

1. No animals are allowed in the park or public open spaces or recreational areas unless attended and controlled by a leash.
2. Dogs are not permitted on or around ball fields or any play areas.



3. The individual in charge of an animal entering any park or recreational area is required to be in possession of proper implements for the gathering and disposal of animal feces. All feces will be collected immediately, removed from the park or recreational area and disposed of in accordance with accepted sanitary standards.

#### **G. Fires.**

1. Fires may be built only in fire rings provided or in grills brought to the park for social purposes.
2. All fires will be fully extinguished before leaving.
3. No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigar or cigarette in any park or recreational area.
4. Campfires or fires for use in conjunction with scouting or social activities, which cannot be accommodated in existing fireplaces or grills, may be permitted upon application to and upon written approval from Harmony Borough.

#### **H. Respect for park and recreation areas property.**

1. Cutting, mutilating, removing or taking away of trees, shrubs, turf, plants, flower or other natural phenomena or the removal, defacing or damaging of any park or recreational area property, including but not limited to buildings, equipment, supplies or other property, is prohibited.
2. Buildings, fences, fountains, statuary, benches, signs or other structures must not be injured or defaced in any way.
3. Games, contests or sports are permitted only in areas designed for such use and in no case shall such use be permitted in areas where lawns or planting may be injured or where such games or contests may be in conflict with park and recreation areas regulations.
4. Defacing, littering or making unsanitary any restrooms, washrooms or other facilities or preventing the proper drainage of any toilet, pipe or drain is prohibited.
5. Any person using the park and recreation areas, with or without a permit, shall be fully and financially responsible for any damages that person may inflict upon park property and equipment.

#### **I. Alcohol and drug use.**

No person shall be present in any Harmony Borough Park or Recreation Area while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, drugs or other controlled substances.

#### **J. Conduct.**

1. Disorderly conduct as defined in statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ordinances of Harmony Borough or in the common law, is prohibited.
2. All use of any indecent, lewd or vulgar behavior or language is prohibited.



### **K. Group Activities.**

Group activities are prohibited in the park and recreation areas, except that the same may be conducted only after a permit has been obtained from Harmony Borough.

### **L. Disposal of waste material.**

1. No person shall discard any form of waste material, paper or rubbish except in containers supplied for that purpose. Disposal of household and any other outside waste material in park containers or dumpsters is prohibited.
2. Violators will be prosecuted and subject to a fine.

### **M. Picnics.**

1. Persons holding picnics shall clean up and place all wastepaper and other refuse in receptacles provided for that purpose.
2. Permits for use of buildings, shelters, and recreation facilities may be obtained from the Harmony Borough.

### **N. Peddling and soliciting.**

No person shall peddle or solicit, of any nature whatsoever, within the limits of the park and recreation areas without the permission of Harmony Borough.

### **O. Amplification and sound systems.**

When amplifying or sound systems are used, the maximum time permitted shall be between the hours of 10:00 AM to Dusk, Monday through Saturday, and 1:00PM to Dusk on Sunday, for permitted locations only. Noise levels which disturb the peace are not permitted.

### **P. Tobacco free zone.**

Harmony Borough Parks and Recreation Areas are a tobacco/smoke free zone.

## **SECTION II:**

### **USE OF PARK FACILITIES**

#### **A. Preparation of facilities for usage; security deposit.**

1. Preparation of park facilities for use shall be the responsibility of Harmony Borough.
2. A security deposit may be required for the use of park facilities.



**B. Opening of buildings; cancellation of activities.**

1. Harmony Borough shall have the discretion to cancel activities due to weather or other circumstances.
2. Park and recreation area buildings or structures shall only be open under the direct supervision of Harmony Borough.

**C. Posting of regulations.**

All rules and regulations established under the authority of this chapter and established hereafter may be posted at a conspicuous place or places in each park and recreation area to which they are applicable. Appropriate signs may be posted to direct or warn persons with respect to the rules and regulations and their operation.

**SECTION III**

Any person violating or assisting in the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) or more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) plus cost.

**SECTION IV:**

Harmony Borough may, by resolution, from time to time establish additional rules and regulations, and, if it so desires, alter, amend and supplement the rules and regulations established herein for the operation, use and protection of the park and recreation areas. Such rules and regulations may include, but shall not be limited to, regulations governing the time for the presence of persons therein, the nature and extend of the permitted and prohibited uses thereof and such other matters as the Harmony Borough may deem necessary or proper for the protection of the park and persons and property therein.

**SECTION V:**

Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

**SECTION VI:**

The appropriate Officers of the Borough of Harmony are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

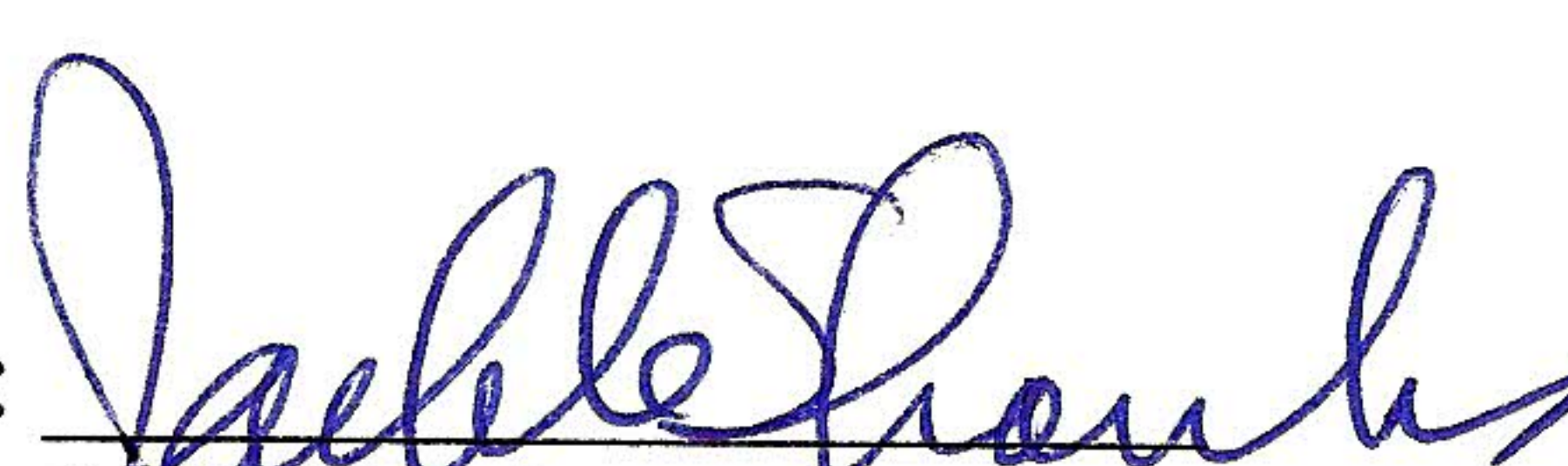
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HARMONY THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.**



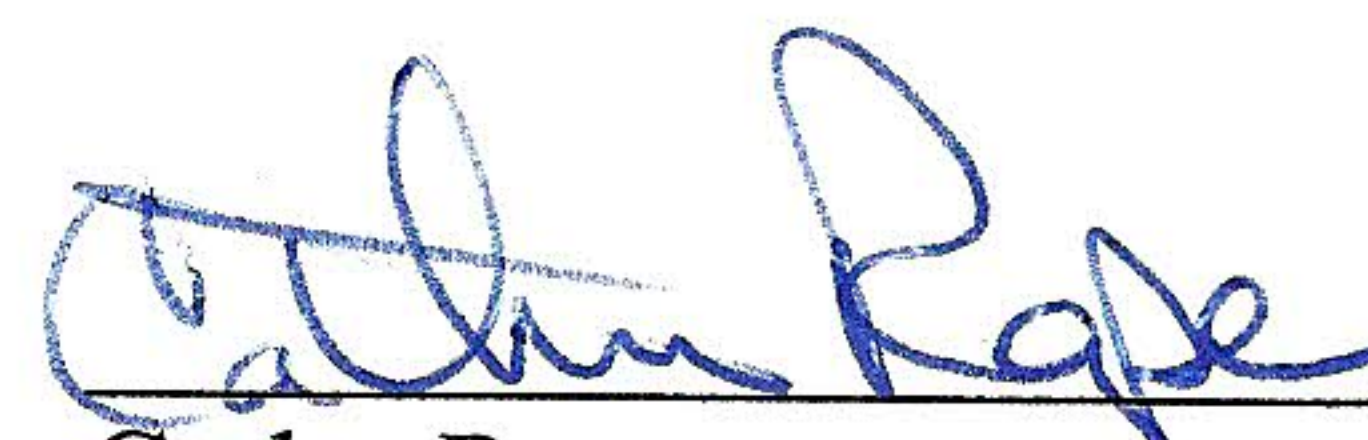
ATTEST

BOROUGH OF HARMONY

  
Sharon McCormick  
Secretary

By:   
Jack Shanks  
Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS 1 DAY OF November,  
2011.

  
Cathy Rape  
Mayor