

Ingham Township

Ordinance 2021-1

Ingham Township Park Ordinance

PARK RULES ORDINANCE

An ordinance to provide for the use, protection, regulation and control of the public parks and park facilities and other matters concerning recreation, conservation, education, historic and scenic areas and preserves and parkways, and to provide for the adoption of supplementary rules and regulations and other matters related to the use of and conduct on park property.

THE TOWNSHIP OF Ingham, Ingham COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1: Short Title

This ordinance may be known and referred to as the Ingham Township Park Ordinance.

Section 2: Public Use and Hours

A. General public -

Any group or gathering of 25 or more persons may use certain areas within the public parks in Ingham Township to the exclusion of others by making application and being granted a permit by the Ingham Township Board or his designated representative of the Ingham Township Board.

B. Permits -

1. Applications for permits for reserved park space shall be made upon forms to be furnished by the Ingham Township Board as approved by the commission.
2. The commission or its agent may, upon written application, grant specific use permits for special uses when, in the opinion of the commission or its agent, special consideration is warranted.
3. Application shall be made in advance of the time of the reservation request sufficient to allow at least 12 hours posted notice of reservation of space.
4. In the event more applications for reserved space are received than spaces available, such applications shall be considered in the chronological order received.

C. Fees and charges –

1. Fees and charges may be assessed by the commission for the use of any facility, land, area, or program on township park property.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the commission without payment of such fee or charge.

D. Hours -

No person or vehicle shall remain upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission between posted closing times and sunrise, provided however, that upon application to the commission or its authorized agent, said hours may be extended.

Section 3: Protection of Property

A. Destruction of buildings, markers, monuments and other properties shall be prohibited, and no person shall, on township park property:

1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or blaze, marking, or designate any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
2. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure.
3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon park property.
4. Appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historical or prehistorical ruin or any object of antiquity, without permission of the commission or its agent.
5. No glass containers.
6. No littering.

B. Destruction of plant life and natural surroundings shall be prohibited and no person shall:

1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, foliage, flower, or any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass.
2. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel, or sand, without written permission of the commission or its agent.

C. The following rules shall apply to fires on township park property:

1. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow within or upon the property of the commission.
2. No person shall build any fire upon commission property except within the fireplaces, receptacles or open spaces approved and designated by the commission for such purpose.
3. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable materials within or upon any property of the commission.
4. Fires shall not be left unattended. All fires shall be extinguished upon leaving the immediate vicinity.

Section 4: Protection of Wildlife

It shall be unlawful for any person while on township park property to hunt or trap of any kind.

Section 5: Pets

All pets/animals shall be on a leash or in a carrier and under control at all times. Pet waste must be cleaned up immediately.

Section 6: Regulations Governing Sports, Games, Activities and Other Uses

No person shall:

- A. Swim, bathe, or wade in ponds, or sloughs located within or upon the properties administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

Section 7: Camping

It shall be unlawful to camp.

Section 8: Traffic and Parking

Parking in prohibited areas; standing for loading or unloading in certain places

Path and parking area are not maintained, plowed or salted. Use at own risk.

- A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.
- B. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.
- C. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in any area which is designated as a prohibited parking area.
- D. It shall be unlawful to drive or park any motor vehicle in or upon commission property which is used for recreational purposes, unless otherwise allowed by these rules.

Horses

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead or cause or suffer a horse to be upon any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission except where motor vehicles are permitted.

Motor-driven vehicles

It should be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on designated parking areas.
- B. Operate any motor-driven sled, toboggan or snowmobile on any property under the management, supervision or control of the commission except where permitted by posted notice.

C. Operate any vehicle upon commission property, including but not limited to, any area designated for the parking of vehicles, in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property.

D. Drive any vehicle upon commission property while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic, drug, barbitol or any derivative of barbitol.

E. Drive any vehicle upon commission property while his ability to do so has been impaired by the use of intoxicating liquor or by the use of drugs or narcotics.

F. Operate any motor vehicle upon commission property while his license to so operate has been suspended or revoked by the State of Michigan.

G. Operate a motor vehicle upon commission property without having a valid operator's license, motor vehicle registration certificate and proof of the minimum liability coverage or uninsured motor vehicle fee as required by the State of Michigan vehicle code in his possession.

H. Operate any vehicle upon commission property contrary to posted traffic signs, symbols, rules or regulations or marked roadways.

I. Operate any motor vehicle in any manner upon commission property which results in excessive noise or disturbs the peace, quiet or tranquility of the area.

J. Leave, or cause to be left, any vehicle upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission between sunset and sunrise.

Operation of Bicycles

A. Bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right-hand curb or right-hand side of the path, trail or roadway as conditions will permit and not more than two bicycles shall be operated abreast.

B. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any bicycle where upon any path, trail or roadway, to carry any person upon the handlebar or frame of any bicycle, or for any person to so ride upon such bicycle.

C. Bicycles may be operated upon such paths, trails, or roadways as may be posted allowing such use; provided, however, no such use shall be allowed between sunset and sunrise.

Section 9: Trespass

Path and Parking lot are not maintained, plowed or salted. Use at own risk.

A. Livestock-No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission, without the written permission of the commission or its agent.

B. Peddling and soliciting-It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any

nature whatsoever, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any lands, water, structures, or property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission, or to use such lands, water, structures or property unless first authorized in writing by the commission or its agent.

C. Unlawful obstruction-No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing, or by any other means prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

D. Hindering employees-No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the commission while performing their official duties.

E. Resisting park ranger-No person shall interfere with any park ranger or police officer in the discharge of his duties; or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any park ranger or police officer.

F. Impersonation of park ranger-No person shall impersonate any member of the park ranger force for any reason whatsoever.

G. Alcoholic beverages, drugs-No person shall have in their possession any intoxicating beverage while in or upon the property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission in areas determined by the commission and designated by posting at the main entrance or other conspicuous place to be areas in which no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

No person shall sell, use or have in his possession any drug or narcotic; the sale, use or possession of which is prohibited by the state law.

H. Personal conduct-

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct, or to disturb or annoy others, while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

2. It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game of chance upon park property.

I. Use of loudspeaker—It shall be unlawful to use a loudspeaker, public address system or amplifier within or upon commission property without a written permit issued by the commission or its agent.

J. Fireworks—No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecracker, torpedo, squib, or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive nature within or upon the property of the commission unless the commission or its authorized agent shall have authorized same by the issuance of a permit therefore.

K. Littering and pollution of waters—It shall be unlawful:

1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the property of the commission except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.
2. To throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

L. Balloons, airplanes and parachutes—No person shall make any ascent in any balloon or airplane or any descent in or from any balloon or airplane or parachute on any lands or waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission without first having written permission from the commission or its agent.

M. Public exhibition—No person shall exhibit any machine or show, or any animal, or indulge in any acrobatic exhibitions in or upon any township park property, nor shall any person carry on any performance or do anything whatsoever which shall cause persons to congregate so as to interfere with the proper use of such property by the general public or to obstruct the passage of vehicles or persons without first having obtained written permission from the commission or its agent.

N. Special permits—No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath township park property by any person, firm, or corporation without first having obtained written permission from the commission authorizing such installation or construction and a permit specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such approval.

O. Emergency powers—Nothing in these rules shall:

1. Prohibit or hinder duly authorized agents of the commission or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
2. Prohibit the commission or the director from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare and safety of park visitors and to protect park property; including, but not limited to, the right of the commission to order all persons off commission property, and close all or any portion of said park.

Section 10: Enforcement

Fines and imprisonment—Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$500 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both, for each offense.

Section 10: Definitions

A. "Commission" shall mean the Ingham Township Board.

B. "Commission property" or "township park property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Ingham Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

C. "Person" or "persons" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural; firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.

D. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons on the ground or in any manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, boat or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises or waters within any park or recreation area administered by the commission.

E. "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the Ingham Township Parks and Recreation Commission applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the said commission and all amendments thereto.

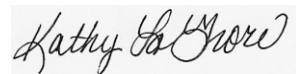
Section 12:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 13: Effective date

This ordinance shall be published as required by law, to become effective on the date of final publication.

Adopted January 18,2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy LaGrow". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Kathy LaGrow, Clerk