

**TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-09-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 16, PART 2, "RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS" OF THE NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP CODE BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: DEFINITIONS; PARK USE APPLICATION AND PERMIT; DESTRUCTION, VANDALISM, DEFACING PROPERTY; VEHICLE OPERATION, PARKING; SOLICITATION; FEES AND CHARGES; PERSONAL CONDUCT; FIREARMS, HUNTING, FIREWORKS, FIRES, SMOKING; LITTERING AND TRASH DISPOSAL; HINDERING EMPLOYEES; BICYCLES, ROLLERBLADES AND SKATEBOARDS; BASKETBALL COURTS; TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY; AND PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT.

NOW THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of New Britain, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Part 2 of Chapter 16, Rules and Regulations for Parks and Playgrounds, of the New Britain Township Code is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

PART 2

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

§16-201. Definitions.

Except where the content clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms used shall have the following meanings, in all other cases, the definition of common usage shall prevail:

FACILITY - The term "Facility" shall refer to all areas and amenities within the Park System boundaries which are available for public use.

PARK SYSTEM - The term "Park System" shall mean any and all land or facilities owned or leased by the Township of New Britain and designated or used for park or recreation purposes.

PARK USE PERMIT - The term "Park Use Permit" shall refer to the original written authorization issued by New Britain Township granting permission for the use of a requested facility.

PERSON - The word "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, association, unincorporated association, organization, individual, or collective representative(s) of any group(s).

§16-202. Hours.

The Park System is open for public use from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted or authorized by the Township.

§16-203. Park Use Application and Permit.

1. All Persons must comply with all rules and regulations established by the Township of New Britain, whether or not a permit is required or obtained.
2. All applications for Park Use Permits shall be made upon the official forms designated by the Township, and shall be accompanied by the required fees, when applicable. No other form shall be accepted. Applications are available at the Township office during normal business hours.
3. Proof of insurance, listing New Britain Township as an additional insured should be submitted along with the Park Use Application, and, must be submitted prior to issuance of a Park Use Permit by the Township. All groups and/or organizations applying for a Park Use Permit are required to carry a minimum aggregate of \$2,000,000 and \$1,000,000 liability coverage for each occurrence.
4. Any gathering or group of fifteen (15) or more Persons shall be required to obtain a Park Use Permit.
5. Park Use Permits issued must be available for inspection by a Township employee or representative at all times during park occupancy.
6. The Township will make Park Use Permits available without discrimination to race, creed, or gender. Permits will be issued as equitably as possible, so that all age and interest groups are afforded available playing time. It is the policy of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors and the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Board to make its fields first available to groups and organizations representing

Township residents, or with the greatest percentage of Township residents, and in consideration of the varied uses, age groups, and blending of uses.

7. Except by special circumstance, facilities will not be reserved for teams or organizations based outside of the Township and which are primarily comprised of township residents. The Township reserves the right to accept applications only from Persons in good standing.
8. All Persons applying for a Park Use Permit on behalf of a club, team, or organization must submit a roster with the club/team/organization member's full name, address, telephone number, age, along with the proposed schedule of meeting, gatherings, games, tournaments, and/or practice times with their application.
9. All Persons applying for a Park Use Permit on behalf of a club, team, or organization must submit a signed verification (on a form provided by the Township) stating that the club/team/organization is in full compliance with Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law and that all of the club/team/organization's employees, volunteers, board members, directors, agents, and contractors have obtained and will maintain all the clearances necessary to supervise and interact with children in compliance with Pennsylvania Law, including but not limited to: the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check.
10. A Person applying for a Park Use Permit must be at least 18 years of age.
11. Persons to whom Park Use Permits are issued will be held responsible for the actions and conduct of all those associated with the Permit holder and with the authorized facility use.
12. Persons in receipt of a Park Use Permit may not prevent other Park System users from making use of available facilities.

§16-204. Destruction, Vandalism, Defacing Property.

1. No Person shall injure, deface or destroy any notice, sign, rule or regulation posted within the Park System, nor shall any Person post any notices or placards in the Park System without first obtaining written permission for the Township.
2. Cutting, mutilating, or taking away of trees, shrubs, and/or flowers or the removal, defacing, damaging, or vandalism of Park System property and structures is prohibited.
3. No Person shall utilize park amenities or fixtures in a manner for which the said items not designated or intended.

4. No Person shall remove or relocate any bench, table or other structure from any Township Park.
5. All water spigots must be turned off when not in use.
6. The Township Building and Township equipment, including mowers, tractors, gas pumps, snow fences, etc., shall not be disturbed.

§16-205. Vehicle Operation, Parking.

1. Vehicles are to be driven and parked only in designated areas. Only vehicles authorized by the Township shall be permitted on bike/hike paths or grass areas.
2. The designated speed limit within the Township Park System shall be 5 M.P.H. unless otherwise posted.
3. Motorists shall, at all times, yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in a designated crosswalk.
4. Motorists shall refrain from obstructing traffic on any Park System roadway or parking area.
5. Horses and all unlicensed motor vehicles are prohibited anywhere within the Park System.
6. No person shall wash or perform mechanical work on any vehicle within the Park System.

§16-206. Solicitation.

1. Unless authorized in writing by the Township, peddling or solicitation of any kind is prohibited within the Park System.
2. Unless authorized in writing by the Township, no Person shall set up any booth, table, or structure within the park System.

§16-207. Fees and Charges.

1. A non-resident fee of \$10.00 for you clubs/teams/organizations shall be required to be submitted with the Park Use Application for each non-resident child within the club/team/organization that shall be using the facilities within the Park System. Adult clubs/teams/organizations shall pay fees in accordance with the fee schedule approved by

the New Britain Board of Supervisors. These fees may be changed from time to time. A club/team/organization's liability is not limited to the amount of this fee.

2. The sponsors of any gatherings (not sponsored by the Township) which require police, maintenance, or other Township personnel and/or equipment shall be responsible for all associated costs, as determined by the Township. The Township may require a deposit in accordance with the fee schedule as approved by the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors prior to issuing any permits for such gatherings.

§16-208. Personal Conduct.

1. No Person shall conduct themselves in any violent, loud, boisterous, abusive, immoral, or otherwise disorderly fashion tending to create a breach of peace, or disturbing or annoying others while within the Township Park System.
2. No Person shall commit any indecent or immoral act tending to corrupt the morals or manners of the public while within the Township Park System.
3. No Person shall operate any amplification equipment within the Park System, unless otherwise authorized by the Township in writing.

§16-209. Firearms, Hunting, Fireworks.

1. Archery equipment may only be used in special areas provided by the Township for such use.
2. Trapping, injuring, killing, or otherwise disturbing of any birds or animals in any Township park, and the damaging, destroying or removal of any nest or habitat is strictly prohibited.
3. The discharge or possession of any rocket, firecracker, or other fireworks or any explosive substance within the Park System is prohibited unless authorized by a permit.

§16-210. Drugs and Alcohol.

The possession, consumption or distribution of any alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance as defined by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States of America within the Park System is prohibited.

§16-211. Fires, Smoking.

1. Unless otherwise authorized by a Park Use Permit, open fires are prohibited within the Park System.
2. Fires are permitted in the Township owned grill in Pavilion #1, or in patron supplied charcoal/gas grills (the patron shall be responsible for clean-up and removal of all ash, charcoal, etc.). No fire shall be left unattended at any time.
3. Matches, cigarettes, cigars, and pipe ashes must be completely extinguished before discarding into appropriate containers.
4. Smoking is prohibited in all wooded areas and areas specifically designated by the Township.

§16-212. Littering and Trash Disposal.

1. The discarding, dumping, or littering of refuse of any kind is prohibited. All refuse shall be disposed of in trash containers provided for such purpose.
2. Disposal within the Park System of any type of trash, refuse or debris that did not result from park usage is prohibited, whether disposed of in receptacles or not.
3. For safety reasons glass containers are prohibited within the Park System.

§16-213. Pets.

1. Dogs are permitted within the Park System, but must be kept on leash no longer than eight (8) feet, and under control at all times.
2. Persons with dogs shall be required to immediately clean up and dispose of all fecal material.
3. Dogs are restricted from any playing field and areas specifically designated by the Township.

§16-214. Hindering Employees.

No Person shall interfere with; use profanity towards; or in any manner hinder any Township employee, official, or agent who is performing their official duties within the Park System.

§16-215. Bicycles, Rollerblades and Skateboards.

1. The use of bicycles and rollerblades are permitted within the Park System except in areas specifically designated by the Township.
2. Helmets and appropriate safety equipment are required at all times.
3. The operation of bicycles or roller blades on any grass area is prohibited.
4. The jumping of curbs, tables, and/or other objects is prohibited.

§16-216. Playgrounds.

1. Playgrounds shall be limited to use by pre-school and school-age children.
2. Supervision of all children shall be the sole responsibility of parents/legal guardians or designated adult supervisor.

§16-217. Basketball Courts.

1. Basketball courts are available for public use on a first come, first served basis.
2. Court time is limited to basketball activities only.
3. All wheeled vehicles including but not limited to bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, etc. are strictly prohibited from the basketball courts.
4. Rubber sole shoes must be worn at all times on basketball courts.
5. Trash must be removed from court areas and placed in designated containers.
6. At peak use times when individuals may be waiting, consideration shall be given and playing time limited.

§16-218. Township Authority.

1. The Township has the right, as deemed necessary, to supersede all or any of the rules and regulations set forth herein in conjunction with any Township sponsored event, maintenance activity, or emergency situation.
2. Township sponsored events shall take precedence over any approved or non-approved use of the Park System.

3. The Township has the right to revoke and/or cancel any approved or non-approved activity at any time.

§16-219. Penalties and Enforcement.

1. Any Person who violates any of the rules and regulations set forth shall, upon conviction in a Summary proceeding before any District Justice, be liable for a fine or penalty not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) for each and every offense. All prosecutions shall be brought in the name of New Britain Township, and all fines shall be paid to New Britain Township.
2. The New Britain Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enforce these rules and regulations.
3. Violations of any of the rules and regulations herein may result in the revocation of any permits or approvals granted for the use of any portion of the Township Park System.
4. Playing fields are to be used only for their intended purpose and a permit holder may not transfer, set-over, or permit any other individual and or users to make use of the rights and privileges afforded to the permit holder as a result of the issuance of the Park Use Permit by the Township. Furthermore, no portable lights shall be utilized with the Park System without the written approval by the Township. There shall be no installation of equipment or alterations to the existing playing fields without the specific prior written approval of the Township for these installations or alterations.

ARTICLE II. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE III. Severability

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

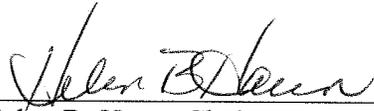
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ARTICLE IV. **Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

ENACTED and *ORDAINED* this 21 day of September, 2015.

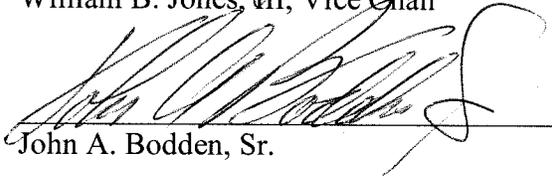
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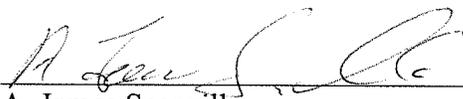


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