

Chapter 119, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Doylestown as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

- Mass public assemblies - See Ch. 58.
- Firearms - See Ch. 92.
- Fire prevention - See Ch. 94.
- Garbage, rubbish and refuse - See Ch. 100.
- Peace and good order - See Ch. 121.
- Peddling and soliciting - See Ch. 124.
- Skateboards - See Ch. 140.

ARTICLE I, Conduct in Parks [Adopted 9-30-1997 by Ord. No. 266^{EN}]

§ 119-1. Definitions.

A. Except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms used in this article shall have the following meanings:

FACILITY - Refers to areas and amenities within the park system boundaries which are available for public use.

FACILITY USE PERMIT - Refers to the written authorization issued by the Township granting permission for the use of a requested facility or activity.

PARK SYSTEM - Any lands or facilities owned or leased by the Township of Doylestown and designated or used for park, recreation or open space purposes.

PERSON - Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, unincorporated association or any other group who may apply for a facility use permit.

B. In accordance with recognized standards as outlined in the Handbook For Public Playground Safety, United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and ASTM F1487 except as otherwise modified herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

PLAYGROUND - Designed for and limited to use by school-age children.

TOT LOT - Designed and limited to use by preschool age children.

§ 119-2. Hours.

A. The park system is open for public use from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise authorized, in writing, by the Township.

B. Lighted tennis and basketball courts are open for public use until 11:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted by the Township.

§ 119-5. Vehicle operation; parking.

A. Vehicles are to be driven and parked only in designated areas. Authorized vehicles only shall be permitted on bike/hike paths or grass areas unless otherwise authorized.

B. The designated speed limit within the Township park system shall be 15 m.p.h.

C. Motorists shall at all times yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in a designated crosswalk.

D. Motorists shall refrain from obstructing traffic on any park system roadway or parking area.

E. No person shall wash or perform mechanical work on any vehicle within the park system.

§ 119-8. Personal conduct.

A. No persons 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 in or on any Township property.

B. No persons shall commit any indecent or immoral act tending to corrupt the morals or manners of the public while in or on Township property.

C. No persons shall operate any amplification equipment within the park system unless otherwise authorized by the Township.

§ 119-9. Firearms; hunting; fireworks. ^{EN}

A. Other than an officer of the law, no person shall carry or discharge a firearm, rifle or other weapon within the park system.

B. Hunting, shooting, 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.

C. 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.

§ 119-10. 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.

§ 119-11.2. Dogs.

A. Dogs are permitted within the park system, but must be kept on a leash and under control at all times, unless otherwise authorized by a facility use permit.

B. Dogs are prohibited in all designated wildlife protection areas.

C. Persons with dogs shall be required to immediately clean up and properly dispose of all fecal material.

D. Dogs are restricted from the tennis/basketball and volleyball courts and areas specifically designated by the Township.

§ 119-11.4. Bicycles; rollerblades; skateboards. ^{EN}

A. The use of bicycles and rollerblades is permitted within the park system, except in areas specifically designated by the Township.

B. Helmets and appropriate safety equipment are required at all times.

C. The operation of bicycles and rollerblades on any grass area is prohibited.

D. The jumping of curbs, tables and/or other objects is prohibited.

E. The amphitheater loop (Central Park) shall be designated as a pedestrian walkway only.

§ 119-11.5. Swimming; boating; skating.

A. Swimming, boating or wading in any natural or man-made waterway within the park system is prohibited.

- B. Boating on any natural or man-made waterway within the park system is prohibited.
- C. Except at such times and at such places as may be designated by the Township, skating, sledding, skiing, walking or otherwise going upon any natural or man-made waterway which may appear frozen is prohibited.

§ 119-11.6. Playgrounds and tot lots.

- A. Tot lots shall be limited to use by preschool-age children, unless in a supervisory capacity.
- B. Playgrounds shall be limited to use by school-age children, unless in a supervisory capacity.
- C. Supervision of all school-age children shall be the sole responsibility of parents/legal guardians or designated adult supervisors.

§ 119-11.7. Tennis and basketball courts.

- A. Tennis and basketball courts are available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis.
- B. Court use is limited to the activities of tennis and/or basketball only.
- C. All wheeled vehicles, including, but not limited to, bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, etc. are strictly prohibited.
- D. Rubber sole shoes must be worn at all times.
- E. Food, glass containers and smoking are prohibited within the court area.
- F. Trash must be removed from court areas and placed in designated containers.
- G. At peak use times when individuals may be waiting, consideration shall be given and playing time limited.

§ 119-11.8. Golf.

- A. Golfing is permitted only at the golf link Central Park in accordance with posted regulations.
- B. Due care must be exercised and consideration given to the safety of other park users while participating in a golfing activity.